

# Unions, industry agree on 6% rise

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EL AVIV. — The Histadrut and private employers have reached compromise of a six per cent minimum wage increase for 1976. This agreement provides a guideline for negotiations between workers and employers in each branch and firm. Wage increases from 1977 onwards will be commensurate with growth in productivity. But employers will be assured at least one per cent more in 1977.

At the outset of the negotiations this month, the Histadrut demanded a 9 per cent wage increase for the coming two years, effective January 1, 1976. The Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations had offered a four per cent maximum wage increase this year and two per cent (or more) if productivity rises by one per cent next year.

The settlement was worked out on Sunday, between Histadrut secretary-general Yehoram Meshel and Avraham Shavit, Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations.

The head of the Histadrut's trade union department, Uriel Abrahamowitz, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the agreement will go into effect only after other issues are settled. One such issue is the Histadrut demand that the agreement be valid for two years while the employers are insisting on last four years.

Another issue is the new minimum wage. The Histadrut wants it to be 11,050. The employers said that in the food and textile industries, for example, rates for engineers are close to the official minimum, and an increase in engineers' rates would trigger wage increases throughout the scale.

Dan Propper, of the employers' delegation, told *The Post* yesterday that he had proposed a "minimum comprehensive wage" which would be higher than the minimum wage. Workers whose pay does not include bonuses and side benefits will have their incomes boosted to "over 11,000" a month, he said. But since basic wage will not be increased, there would be no chain reaction throughout the scale.

A Histadrut source said they were cancelling the lowest rates so that an increase in the minimum wage would not cause wages throughout the scale. But he acknowledged this would mean a spreading of workers.

Other issues concern working conditions. Propper said that, in an attempt to reduce absenteeism, employers insist that workers absent three days or less should receive only half pay for the second and third day.

The employers also want means to immediately discipline workers guilty of "serious breaches of discipline." Another issue concerns the transfer of workers from one job to another within a plant. A subcommittee of a Government-Histadrut-employers committee examining ways to increase productivity had worked out proposals on internal mobility. The Coordinating Bureau wants to implement them in the new agreement. The Histadrut claims that they should be negotiated separately in each branch and enterprise.

## Lebanese cease-fire holds

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

THE SYRIAN engineered cease-fire remained in effect in Lebanon yesterday for the fifth day running. The cease-fire was due to ace its major test last night after a call for the withdrawal of all rival Christian and Moslem armed militias from Beirut and other populated areas.

"Several armed elements" were yesterday reported to have in fact pulled back from a number of Beirut districts, enabling thousands of wary citizens to leave their homes for a walk in the sunshine.

In Beirut's Central Martyrs' square yesterday, children skipped over abandoned sandbag barricades and sightseers gaped at the scene of devastation. Several major buildings are complete wrecks and others have been gutted by fire.

In Wadi Abu Jamil, a tiny Jewish quarter sandwiched between right-and-left-wing area the synagogue had survived virtually intact. Residents of the district, pointing to a few small holes in the ceiling, said a mortar shell hit the roof four days ago.

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## Egged leaders confer

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TEL AVIV. — The Egged management was due to meet late last night to decide on whether to end the bus company's six day stoppage or intensify it.

During the day members of the company's secretariat tried to persuade the secretariat of the Dan bus cooperative, which serves the greater Tel Aviv urban area, to join the countrywide stoppage.

Dan, which is much smaller and whose financial situation is much better for declining its representation to join Egged, has secretariat members in a trip to Jerusalem to "clarify matters" with the Transport Ministry.

The Ministry's Director-General, Ehud Shilo, last night wrote to the Egged secretariat asking it to adopt the recommendations of the Golomb Committee and to execute them by March 31. He stressed that the assistance to Egged proposed by the Finance Committee was conditional on Egged ending its stoppage and adopting the Golomb Committee's recommendations.

By midnight last night it was still not clear at Beit Egged what this "clarification mission" had secured. Members of the 30-man management committee were scheduled to meet at 10 p.m. to take a decision, but close to midnight they had still not convened.

If it does decide to renew its service, it will have to overcome strong opposition from the 11-man minority faction in Egged, called The Alternative. Alternative members are hopeful of being able to persuade several members from the ruling factions to come over to their side, bringing about a switch in the secretariat and prolonging the strike.

The Alternative opposes the Knesset Finance Committee decision and the preliminary findings of the Golomb Committee. It wants to see all of the Golomb Committee findings before it decides whether to accept them. Alternative's proposal for ending the stoppage is for the Government to pay them their monthly income and the bus company's fuel bill until the Golomb Committee finishes its deliberations, and it is known what share in Egged's debts the Government will cover.

Asked what sharper measures could be taken if it was decided to prolong the stoppage, an Egged spokesman was not willing to elaborate. He said merely that if the strike has to continue, the secretariat would find it harder and harder to control its members. The implication is that they might try again to disrupt traffic and would also apply stronger pressure on Dan to join them.

BULLETIN: Marion Javits, wife of the U.S. Senator, has decided to resign from her controversial position as a public relations consultant to Iran's national airlines owing to "the unjustified, painful criticism that has been levelled at my husband because of the appearance of possible conflict."

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## Fierce fighting by Algerian, Moroccan troops in Sahara

ALGIERS. — Algerian and Moroccan army troops engaged in heavy fighting yesterday in the first battle between the two North African states in their confrontation over the Spanish Sahara, reports from both sides said.

The official Algerian news agency reported that Moroccan forces attacked Algerian soldiers transporting medical supplies and food to Saharan refugees in the Angahala frontier region between Mauritania and the Spanish Sahara. Informed sources said afterwards that intense fighting was underway.

Official Moroccan sources confirmed the clash and said "apparently there are many dead." The informants said the battle took place on Mauritanian territory, south of Sir Moghrein.

The report of the fighting was a serious escalation in the tension between the two countries about the future of the phosphate-rich Spanish Sahara, which Spain plans to turn over to Morocco and Mauritania on February 28. Algeria's radical government is supporting a Saharan independence movement called Polisario against the Moroccan and Mauritians.

Before announcing the clash yesterday morning, the Algerian press agency said the "troops of the Moroccan monarchy have launched a brutal offensive, backed up by enormous military means, against the liberated zone of Angahala, controlled by the Polisario front."

It said the Moroccan troops were committing "acts of unimaginable savagery against the Saharan population which sought refuge in the liberated zone. The royal army, committing veritable genocide, is slaying and massacring summarily all the inhabitants it encounters, destroying camp sites and leaving the territory covered in fire and blood."

The escalation followed a Moroccan statement on Sunday that one of its Northrop F-5 jet fighters was downed last week by a Sam-6 missile while flying a ground support mission for Mauritanian troops in Mauritania territory. The Moroccan asserted afterwards that the missile could only have been manned by outsiders. Spanish news reports have said that Cuban and Vietnamese advisers are assisting the Polisario.

The Algerian news agency reported yesterday that the pilot reported dead by the Moroccan had been taken prisoner by the Polisario.

The agency said that 37 Mauritanian prisoners were being held by the Saharan guerrillas, and that 78 Moroccan and 219 Mauritanians have been killed since fighting began in December.

The Polisario also claimed to have shot down six Moroccan aircraft, including a C-130 Hercules transport, an F-5 jet fighter, two French-made Fouga ground-support jet fighters and two helicopters.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said yesterday President Anwar Sadat had been in touch with Moroccan and Algerian heads of state over the reported clashes in the Sahara.

## China to have talks with EEC

BRUSSELS. — China and the European Common Market may hold talks soon on the possible opening of formal trade negotiations, a Common Market spokesman said yesterday.

"We believe a Chinese delegation will come soon to Brussels to explore possible areas of agreement," the spokesman said.

He said China had already indicated it wanted such talks when it recognized the Common Market officially during a visit by Sir Christopher Soames, commissioner for external relations, in May. Afterwards, China set up a mission with the Common Market.

He also said "it could lead to a future Soviet miscalculation based upon its perception of that resolve."

Nationalist sources said yesterday the pro-Western UNITA movement has transferred its headquarters from Huambo, their southern capital, to Silva Porto, about 160 km. east, in the face of advancing Marxist forces, nationalist sources said Tuesday.

In Johannesburg yesterday reports said fierce fighting was raging around the airport at Huambo.

Wit Nusey, editor of the Argus Africa news service, reported it is not certain who is fighting. He said the probability is that it is between UNITA and several hundred National Front (FNLA) troops who have refused to fight at the front.

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WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Rabin and President Ford ended their first day of talks yesterday with Israeli officials telling reporters that Rabin was "certainly optimistic" about the final outcome.

Following an approximately 90-minute meeting at the White House, which was primarily devoted to an overall review of the Middle East political situation and bilateral economic and military aid issues, official Israeli circles here said that the Prime Minister did not expect difficulties to emerge on the question of arms supplies to Israel.

Rabin did not receive any final word from the President regarding an American willingness to increase a \$1b. aid request for Israel during the next fiscal year. Israel had requested \$1.5b.

Informed political observers here expect more concrete Administration decisions to be relayed to Rabin, either during this morning's breakfast meeting with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger or during the second meeting with Ford.

During a toast at a State Department luncheon, Rabin appealed to the Administration to maintain Israel's deterrent capacity. "Only a strong Israel is a hope for peace," the Prime Minister said. He added that Israel is ready to continue the peace process but only from the standpoint of strength, not weakness.

Kissinger, in a separate toast, said that the U.S.-Israel relationship is different from what "we have with any other country, because we know each other so well." The Secretary said Israel and the U.S. can afford to have "family quarrels" once in a while because the two countries have such close relations. "There are no quarrels at this moment," Kissinger insisted, but not many observers took him seriously.

During the Ford-Rabin meeting, Rabin expressed Israel's appreciation to the U.S. for casting the UN Security Council veto on Monday evening. Kissinger said that the U.S. would not support any resolution that "prejudged" the outcome of negotiations. "I am confident that this visit will be extremely helpful to both our countries and for peace in the Middle East," the Secretary said. He promised that the U.S. "will work jointly with Israel."

The White House stated that the President congratulated the Prime Minister for his wisdom and courage in reaching the recent interim agreement with Egypt, a significant step in that peace process. The President stated his satisfaction that the agreement is being fully implemented and respected by both sides.

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WELCOME for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Philadelphia on Monday. (Govt Press Office)

## Allon: Must push on to Geneva

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FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Allon said yesterday that, while the reconvening of the Geneva Conference does not appear imminent, Israel must continue to call for its reconvening — so that the onus for any failure to reconvene would fall squarely upon the Arab extremists.

Speaking to a radio interviewer, Allon said much depends on whether the less extreme Arab states are prepared "not to mortgage their national interests" to the "capricious" of the hardliners — Syria and the PLO.

Allon praised the U.S. for vetoing the Arab-inspired draft resolution at the Security Council on Monday night (see page 4). It was not easy for the U.S. to find itself isolated in this way, he acknowledged. But on the other hand, the veto had served American as well as Israeli interests, in that it had blocked the Soviet-backed Syrian-PLO tactic at the Council.

Allon had called in French Ambassador Jean Herly earlier in the day to express Israel's displeasure at France's support for the draft resolution.

Allon had a word of appreciation, in his broadcast interview, for the three Western states, Britain, Sweden and Italy, which had abstained in the vote.

He warned, though, that the Arab hardliners had probably been encouraged by the amount of support they had won and by "statements of support here and there" from States outside the Security Council. (This appeared to have been a reference to a statement attributed this week to the German Foreign Ministry calling for Israel withdrawal from all the administered areas and the establishment of a Palestinian national entity.)



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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Warmer than normal, variable amounts of medium and high clouds. Weather synopsis: A south-easterly dry flow over the eastern Mediterranean. A cold low over central Mediterranean is moving east.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	High	Low	High
Jerusalem	33	16	33
Golan	33	16	33
Nahariya	33	16	33
Safad	33	16	33
Tiberias	33	16	33
Nazareth	33	16	33
Haifa	33	16	33
Be'er Sheva	33	16	33
Dimona	33	16	33
Tel Aviv	33	16	33
B-G Airport	33	16	33
Jericho	33	16	33
Qazza	33	16	33
Be'er Sheva	33	16	33
Dimona	33	16	33
Tel Aviv	33	16	33

## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a delegation from the staff of Sholem Aleichem House, actors Tzvi Ben-Gurion and Gideon Shemer, who read from the author's works in honour of the sixtieth anniversary of his death.

President Katzir also received Nathan Bistritzky who presented his new book, "Ederkeh el Hazon."

South African Ambassador Charles Fincham yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yehayahu.

Dutch Ambassador Christian Arians yesterday called on Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol.

"New York Times" Israel correspondent Terence Smith will address the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at the YMCA.

The Jerusalem Journalists Association will hold a memorial meeting for the late lexicographer, Reuven Aloni, at 6:00 p.m. next Monday at Association headquarters.

Hadassah-Wizo of Canada National President, Mrs. Charles B. Linky, executive director Lily Frank, and Israel office head Ethel Kaiser, yesterday visited the organization's project at Asaf Harofeh Hospital where they were received by the acting-director, Dr. Ephraim Halpern.

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce yesterday held a reception for Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Edward Lee at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Bank Hapoalim chief Simcha Gafni retired yesterday after 40 years of public service in the bank and other official positions.

Haifa University Visiting Professor Nicholas Fleming, of London's Oceanographic Institute, will address a one-day symposium on "Dynamics of Coasts and Maritime Civilizations," today, 9:30 a.m. in the University's main building, room 713.

Mrs. Florence Mayberry will speak on "The Writing of Mystery Stories" at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

The Raya Jaglom Day Care Centre, named for World War president, was dedicated yesterday in Jerusalem's Talpiot quarter in the presence of Mayor Teddy Kolek, WZO Chairman Yosef Almog, the WZO president and WZO executives Aya Dinstein and Catalina Epstein.

## Soviet sculptor gets permission to emigrate

MOSCOW. — Soviet sculptor Ernest Neizvestny, who once had a violent public argument with Kremlin leader Nikita Khrushchev on modern art but later carved the bust that stands over his grave, was told yesterday he would be allowed to emigrate to the West.

Neizvestny, 50, told Western correspondents by telephone that the head of the Moscow visa office, Sergei Fadeyev, said the visa would be ready in a few days and he could leave the country in February.

The sculptor applied for permission to emigrate a year ago but was then deprived of his official studio and was told he could not leave unless he divorced his wife.

Neizvestny, who is part-Jewish, will get a visa to Israel.

He said he planned to go first to Israel and take up Israeli citizenship, but then wanted to travel "to see with my own eyes all the latest developments in art."

He added that he now had to get permission from the Ministry of Culture to export between 80 and 100 of his own works in plaster and metal but would leave the rest behind.

A ROUND-THE-CLOCK answering service for Jerusalemites with complaints about services like sewerage, sanitation and water has been instituted. Complaints received at 23344 are recorded and transcribed by the Municipal Public Information Department which passes them on to the appropriate authority.

Our dear mother

**MARTHA LYCHENHEIM**

has left us forever.

The funeral will leave at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 1976, from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem.

**KURT AND EDITH LYCHENHEIM**  
**ERIKA LYCHENHEIM**

# Terrorists still haven't taken south Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

THERE HAS BEEN no indication of increased terrorist presence in southern Lebanon despite the recent withdrawal of Lebanese Army units from their positions near the Israeli border. Although tension in the area has relaxed since the cease-fire in the civil war, the situation has not yet stabilized, military correspondents were told during a tour of the border yesterday.

Some men in civilian dress have been observed in the abandoned army positions, but it could not be said with certainty whether they were terrorists on preliminary surveys.

The Lebanese army personnel withdrawn from the positions have been concentrated in large bases in the area, presumably for their protection or to enable the army to operate in strength if required.

The para-military gendarmerie

is still maintaining a nominal presence in the area and their rovers could be seen patrolling the border road yesterday. They did not interfere with civilians who stopped their cars to chat with Israeli correspondents across the border fence.

Christian villagers in the area have set up a "civil guard" organization for self-defence, it was learned. Before the cease-fire, shooting was heard from some of the mixed Christian-Muslim villages, sources said. One Christian village, Beitashab, was taken over by Palestinian terrorists.

There has been no massive flight of Christians from the area, sources said.

IDF units have been briefed on how to handle any Christians wishing to take refuge in Israel, but by yesterday there had been no takers for the offer made by the Defence Minister on Sunday.

## 'Disquiet' over nuclear help to Arab States

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Allon said yesterday that Israel was following with disquiet as well as with close attention, the increasing co-operation between the Arabs and states possessing advanced nuclear technologies.

Replying to four urgent motions for the agenda about French plans to sell Iraq an atomic reactor, which were voted to Committee —

Allon said there is a clear danger that the Arab states might exploit such nuclear technology for their own aggressive ends.

The Foreign Minister said certain clarifications had been sought and obtained in Paris on the plans to sell Iraq the reactor and that Israel was still taking up the issue energetically.

He said that Israel had told the United Nations it is willing to conclude agreements to have the Middle East demilitarized of atomic weapons and it would work to this end on the basis of direct negotiations between the countries concerned.

In the same manner as the states of Latin America had agreed on demilitarization, Israel is also willing to conclude demilitarization agreements before peace pacts are signed, he said.

Akiva Nof (Likud-ree Centre), in the first motion, said that the Franco-Israeli project would provide the Iraqis with sophisticated technology, trained manpower and the explosive material. Iraq itself was now said to have rich uranium deposits of its own.

Yehuda Shalari (ILP) said scientists had proved that anybody pos-

sessing plutonium nowadays could build an atom bomb easily and fast.

He said the "balance of terror" could not work, in an area like the Middle East where there was no "balance of common-sense." The Arabs would not regard the atom bomb as a last-resort weapon, Shalari warned, but rather as a first-resort weapon.

Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) said that France pursued a policy hostile to Israel based on politics, oil and profits, which clashed with the true desires of the French people. France was the only Western country to support the anti-Israel resolution in the Security Council. French public opinion must be aroused at once to thwart the atom project, Ben-Meir urged.

Esther Herlitz (Alignment-Labour) said that France was rushing in, with lavish arms supplies to Egypt, where the Soviet Union feared to tread. She hoped the 50 French parliamentarians who would soon be in Strasbourg for a meeting of pro-Israel parliamentarians from all over Western Europe would represent the true values of the French people on the atom project issue.

The French plan was an irresponsible step to give the bomb to a brutal nation, she charged.

Meir Pail (Moked), who tried in vain to get all four motions struck from the agenda, said it was a waste of time to try and keep reactors out of the Middle East. Instead, Israel should campaign to ensure that all the reactors in the area were used for peaceful purposes only.



Mourners at the Mount of Olives.

(Rahamim Israeli)

## Rabbi Unterman laid to rest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir led thousands of mourners following the bier of Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman, who was laid to rest in Jerusalem yesterday. The former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel died on Monday, aged 90.

Among the large congregation were Knesset Speaker Israel Yehayahu, State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl, cabinet ministers, Knesset members, dayanim and rabbis, and the mayors of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The funeral was arranged by the Ministry for Religious Affairs, which provided buses to take mourners to the Mount of Olives

Cemetery for the Sanhedria funeral.

Eulogizing Rabbi Unterman, Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Nof said the rabbi had over-looked with "love of God, love of Israel, and love of the Torah. There was no hatred in him, no jealousy, no envy."

Raphael praised Rabbi Unterman as one of the last of the turn-of-the-century generation of Russian rabbis and scholars.

Seghardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and Jerusalem sage Shimon Zelman Auerbach also delivered eulogies, and the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Yehudya Frankel, spoke at the graveside.

## Livni voices plans for TV, radio advertising

TEL AVIV. — The Broadcasting Authority intends to expand radio advertising and has already made advanced preparations for the possible introduction of commercial television, Yitzhak Livni, director-general of the Authority said yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting of the Broadcast Advertising Company at the Grand Beach Hotel here, Livni told the advertising and broadcast-representatives that the Authority's plenum would shortly be pre-

sented with a proposal to expand the Fifth Programme to 19 broadcast hours daily. The bulk of the programming would consist of music interspersed with advertising spots and breaks for brief news-casts. He predicted that the channel would show a profit within its first year of commercial operation.

On the subject of TV advertising (which is still opposed by Treasury and other government officials), Livni said research was currently being conducted on the likely effects of its introduction. One of the criteria was the need to avoid competing with the daily press, he said.

Livni told the gathering that there was no intention of introducing American-style TV commercials which cut into programmes "continuously and just when tension is at its height." If permitted, advertising on Israel TV would instead follow the European pattern of one or two concentrations of commercials during the evening or, at most, between programmes, he said.

If ratified by the plenum, the proposals would be referred to the special ministerial committee on broadcasting, Livni said.



Idle buses in the central Jerusalem Eggad garage as the cooperative's strike entered its sixth day yesterday.

## Proposed abortion amendment stirs up Knesset storm

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposed amendment to a law forbidding abortion unless life is in danger elicited violent opposition from religious party members in the Knesset yesterday.

The amendment was submitted by Chaim Grossman (Alignment-Mapam), the chairman of the Public Services Committee, who said the 1936 law does not reflect present attitudes. A woman should be free to have an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy subject only to the approval of a committee of two — a gynaecologist and the family doctor, a public health nurse or a social worker, Grossman said.

The woman concerned should be free to select this committee as well as the members of an appeals committee to review the decision of the first committee if it was negative. The amendment would specify that abortions can be carried out only in approved medical institutions.

Abortions would be permitted if the mother's or foetus's life or health was in danger, or if there was "danger of serious damage to the woman or her children because of family circumstances, including the fact that there are already numerous children in the family."

Other conditions justifying abortion would be rape, incest, or the fact that the woman was a minor or unmarried. The last condition is

included in the amendment to protect girls from certain social groups, whose lives may be in danger if members of their family find out they are pregnant.

Twenty Knesset Members asked to speak on the amendment, and addresses were limited to ten minutes.

Gendia Cohen (Likud) charged that instead of amending the old law the new proposal practically abolished all restraints. "There is not one case of pregnancy which could not be terminated under one or another of the headings of the amendment," she said.

She scored what she termed the loose wording of the amendment, which did not define, for instance, what it considered a "large family." Karmel Kahane (Aguda) said the tenor of the amendment was "let us be like all the nations," aping the modernism and liberality of Western nations.

Akiva Nof (Likud) said the issue was whether abortions would be carried out furtively, under unsanitary conditions and at extortionists' prices, or safely and under controlled conditions. To minimize the need to resort to the new law he proposed setting up hostels for unwed mothers-to-be.

Shmuel Aloni (formerly Ya'ad) said that women should have charge of their own bodies and not produce children for any reason other than for the children them-

selves. Marda Friedman, (formerly Ya'ad) said that of about 60,000 abortions performed in Israel annually, only some 15,000 were legal. She called the amendment "a positive step, but not sufficiently far-reaching." Ora Namir (Alignment) supported the amendment partly because many women, especially those in the lower income groups, had not yet grasped the principles of birth control and family planning. She warned that with the new law the Health Ministry would have to provide adequate facilities for the increased number of abortions.

Several members of the religious bloc condemned the amendment on the grounds that *Holacha* forbids abortion except where the mother's life is in danger. One Member likened it to "public suicide," at a time when immigration is down and emigration is increasing. Another said that many religious people bring up large families successfully in spite of straitened circumstances.

He was heckled by Meir Pail (Moked) who shouted "Women are people, not baby-making machines." Simha Friedman (NRP) scored the inconsistency of supporters of the amendment, who proposed draconic penalties for adults using narcotics but would permit abortion almost at will.

The conclusion of the discussion was postponed to a later session of the Knesset.

## Police Minister scores Knesset crime buffs

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Police Minister Shimon Hillel yesterday told the Knesset that private crime investigators — meaning Members of the Knesset — sought headlines, not crooks. He was summing up a two-week debate on crime.

He was apparently referring to Ehud Olmert (Likud-Independent Centre) and Yosef Sarid (Alignment-Labour) when he derided "distinguished persons who carry out energetic investigations in cafes and clubs, or leaf through old newspapers in comfortable arm-chairs."

Hillel denied the claim that a man was in jail for life for a murder he did not commit, while the killer went free. The claim had been made by Olmert in an interview. Hillel also denied charges made by Sarid in the Knesset that churchmen smuggling drugs and

pharmacists selling drugs illegally to addicts.

The Police Minister then tempered his criticism, "to prevent misunderstandings." He said his intention was not "to diminish the contribution of public figures or the media in tackling the increase in crime."

The Israel Police rank with the finest police forces in the world in the percentage of crimes they solve, Hillel said. Although the number of crimes committed increased 11 per cent in 1975, the number solved increased 20 per cent.

Hillel gave statistics to show that Israel was far behind the U.S., Germany, France and Britain in rate of murders and robberies committed. However Israel had a higher incidence of rape than France and Britain, he said.

## Warning on police leaks

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The police must prevent leaks about criminal investigations that can hamper these investigations and harm innocent persons. This warning was sounded by Yoram Aridor MK, chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, which reported on this subject before the Knesset yesterday.

The Committee dealt with the subject following a motion to the agenda by Shmuel Tamir, M.K. It stressed that only recently police were prevented from arresting suspects in a case, after details of the investigation were published. The Committee appealed to the news media to exercise self-restraint in this matter.

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## Concern over Dymshitz health

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Prof. Moshe Arens (Likud) yesterday met with the head of the International Red Cross in Israel, Andre Tschiffel, and asked him to try to obtain authentic information about the health of Soviet Jewish pilot Mark Dymshitz, now in a forced labour camp.

Arens, who was accompanied by one of the pilot's daughters, Julia Dymshitz, said that the prisoner was suffering from serious ulcer trouble at the Prem camp, where he is serving a 15-year term.

Dymshitz, convicted of being a prime mover in the Leningrad hijack affair in 1970, was first sentenced to death. Then his sentence was commuted for 15 years hard labour at Prem.

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## '7 million could hear Israel'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A potential listening audience of seven million Jews in North and South America could be reached by the Broadcasting Authority's overseas transmissions if the Authority's plans for a short-wave transmitter were properly exploited, Micha Harish (Alignment) wrote

yesterday to Knesset Speaker Israel Yehayahu.

Requesting a debate on a motion for the agenda next week, Harish said such broadcasts were transmitted to the Americas until two years ago, when the technicians refused to continue because of claims concerning night overtime pay.

## 'Freighter sale could cost 300 Israeli jobs'

Knesset Labour Committee chair-

woman Shoshana Arbell said on Tuesday that 300 Israeli merchant seamen could be thrown out of work if the Maritime Fruit Carriers company carried out its mooted sale of eight freighters to foreign firms.

Maritime Fruit is having serious liquidity problems, the committee was told.

Nimrod Eshel, director of the Transport Ministry's Shipping Division, said that Zim, the national shipping corporation, is studying the possibility of buying the freighters from Maritime.

## Young gamblers held

ACRE. — Fourteen youngsters, among them two girls, were arrested when they were found playing cards for high stakes at a Nahariya cafe on Monday. The youths including a Norwegian girl, had more than IL200,000 in the tables and in their pockets. Five of the youngsters are from Arab villages in Western Galilee.

A police spokesman said that action would be taken against every case that permitted illegal card playing in its premises.

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## Likud Statement on the Lebanese Troubles and the Northern Border

1. The human tragedy of civil strife in Lebanon has amounted to a Moslem campaign to destroy the Christian community. With Soviet aid, the use of Palestinian military units and under Syrian direction, another chapter has been enacted in the dream of a "Greater Syria" — of which Eretz Yisrael is an intended province.

2. Israel's northern border has, overnight, become an area of grave danger. Syria, no extreme in its hostility towards Israel, is today in command in Lebanon. The Syrian army and terrorist organizations are deployed along 150 km. of the Galilee border.

3. In the face of this dangerous situation, the Government of Israel appears paralysed. This is another "blunder," gravely affecting Israel's security.

4. The Likud demands that the following steps be taken immediately:

a. The Government must make an official statement that it will not tolerate any change in the political status of Lebanon or any change affecting Israel's security.

b. The Government must act to expel any foreign army — Palestinian or Syrian — from Syria.

# T.A. Hapoel turns tables on French

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel basketballers, led by the Israeli Barry Libowitz, last night turned the tables on Olympic champion French first division squad, winning 106-75 in a Korac Cup match at the Yad Eliyahu stadium.

The 31-point win was in part to the French 101-75 victory in the first leg in France last week. After an evenly fought game during which the squad was level at 20-20, Tel Aviv Hapoel, an inspired four minutes half-time, surging into a 20-point lead 56-36.

In the second period Libowitz pressed the visitors and won the crucial 25 point barrier at 54. Hapoel's top scorers were Libowitz 27, Libowitz 24 and Libowitz 21. For the French top scorers were Lodon 16, Libowitz 11 and Libowitz 11.

Hapoel face their stiffest test last week against the Galicians of Spain.

## Five held for extortion and intimidation

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday remanded in custody two men suspected of extortion and another three who allegedly tried to intimidate the witness into altering his testimony in a police case.

Ordering the five held in detention until the conclusion of proceedings against them, Judge H. Levin said it should be clear to anyone suspected of extortion or intimidation would find himself behind bars — "until either arrested or sentenced." The court said it to the public "to protect against the cancerous spread of this type of hooliganism," he said.

Mordechai Peretz, 20, and Yehuda Peretz, 21, of the Neve Israel quarter in Heralia, were charged with exacting money from a Heralia earth works contractor. After the victim had given in their initial demand for IL500, the two allegedly returned and asked for more. The contractor refused and the next day found upholstery of his car ripped shreds.

Shortly after the two had been arrested, following the victim's complaint to the police, he was approached by Yitzhak Peretz, Mordechai's 26-year-old brother, and Yehuda Ochayon and Nissim Hersh both 20. The three, all residents of the Neve Israel quarter, allegedly threatened the contractor and tried to force him into changing his testimony.

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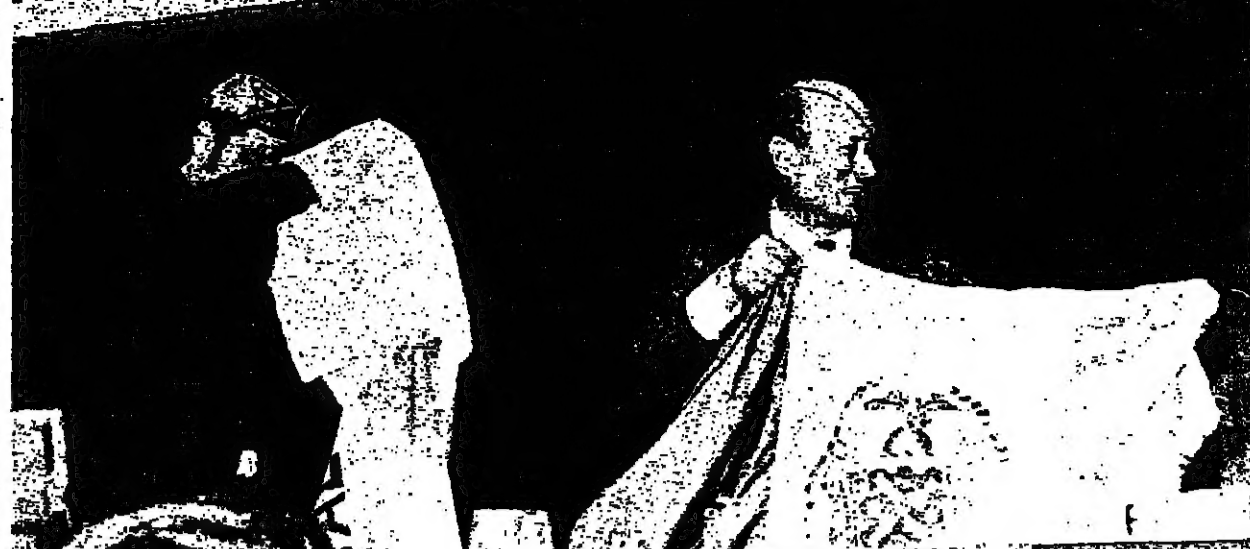


# Red Army colonel's last plea read to Jewish war veterans

By DAVID KRIVINE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Do not forget your comrades-in-arms!" This appeal by the late Col. Shimon Karpivsky, formerly of the Red Army, was read aloud yesterday on his behalf, as he had died of a heart attack the day before in Jerusalem. It was his last call, made to the 12th Assembly of Jewish War Veterans, now meeting in the city at the Hilton Hotel. His speech, a plea to the participants that they exercise pressure for the ratification of Russian Jews, many of whom are ex-soldiers too, who want to leave for Israel. When they do for exit visas, they are dependent on their jobs and their rights in this category," Karpivsky said, "are found elsewhere. I am — Nahum Olshansky, Lev Sitcher, Aaron Zevin, Isaac Tinkoff and Yedim Davidovich — veterans of World War Two, ungraded in rank and deprived of the military pensions that had been awarded for their service to the country. All of us are now destitute, with no means of support."

patch, as though trying to identify the ex-Defence Minister — and then the two men fell into an embrace, as the assembly cheered. Aryeh Dulzin, Treasury of the Jewish Agency, informed the session (which was devoted to the relation of Israel and world Jewry) that 122,000 Jews have left the Soviet Union so far, of whom 111,000 came to Israel. Only 5,000 changed their minds and left the country, leaving 106,000 settled here. "Except only for the Jews from Iraq and the Yemen, this is the lowest departure rate of any national group," Dulzin said. Another 150,000 Jews in the USSR are currently waiting for exit visas, and there are many more who want to leave but dare not apply. "We sent out 50,000 affidavits just in 1975," he stated. Next month a second Brussels conference will be held, to renew the fight for Soviet Jewry.



U.S. war veteran N. Wiesner, of the Bronx, N.Y., presents Moshe Dayan with two pre-Revolutionary War flags of the New York militia.

## Customs chief's arrest may 'shake up' bureau

By YITZHAK OKED, and ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — The possibility that David Peled, the director of the Customs Bureau who was detained for questioning on Monday a suspicion of foreign currency violations, may have involved other persons in the illegal transactions, was voiced yesterday. Customs officials said reports of the arrest had sent "shock waves" throughout the bureau. It was indicated that a complete shake up of the customs bureau may result.

Although the police refused to say whether or not more persons have been arrested in the case, it was admitted that others are being questioned by the police fraud section. It was not known whether these individuals were associated with the Government or connected to firms belonging to the Robinson estate.

Peled was arrested with businessman Michael Robinson, son of the late Swiss-Israeli financier William Robinson. The police are investigating allegations that Peled had a Swiss bank account in violation of Israel's currency laws, containing 200,000 Swiss francs. Robinson is suspected of having helped transfer the money to Switzerland.

In Jerusalem, the spokesman of Internal Revenue said yesterday that the Treasury is not conducting an investigation into the lies and activities of officials in the Customs Department. He added that the police had not given the Treasury any details on the investigation of Peled.

## Yundeff boys' case to Supreme Court today

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Dov and Menashe Yundeff, the two boys who have far successfully avoided being taken back to their father in Germany, came to the District Court today for a hearing on an appeal by their mother to keep them here. However, they never reached the courtroom. Their mother and lawyer went up, while they waited downstairs under a police guard — but the judge said he could not hear their case, since a similar application was pending before the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has already ruled that the boys, aged 10 and

nine, should be placed with their father until the parents' divorce proceedings are settled and their fate is decided. However, the boys were whisked into hiding (by relatives, the police believe), and managed to avoid being flown to Germany.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear another application by the mother to be permitted to keep the boys here. This hearing is scheduled today. The boys, meanwhile, are also scheduled to appear in the Rehovot Magistrate's Court this week, to give testimony in a criminal proceeding in connection with their disappearance from under a police guard's nose last week — allegedly aided by relatives.

## Father and son win golf pairs event

Jerusalem Post Reporter

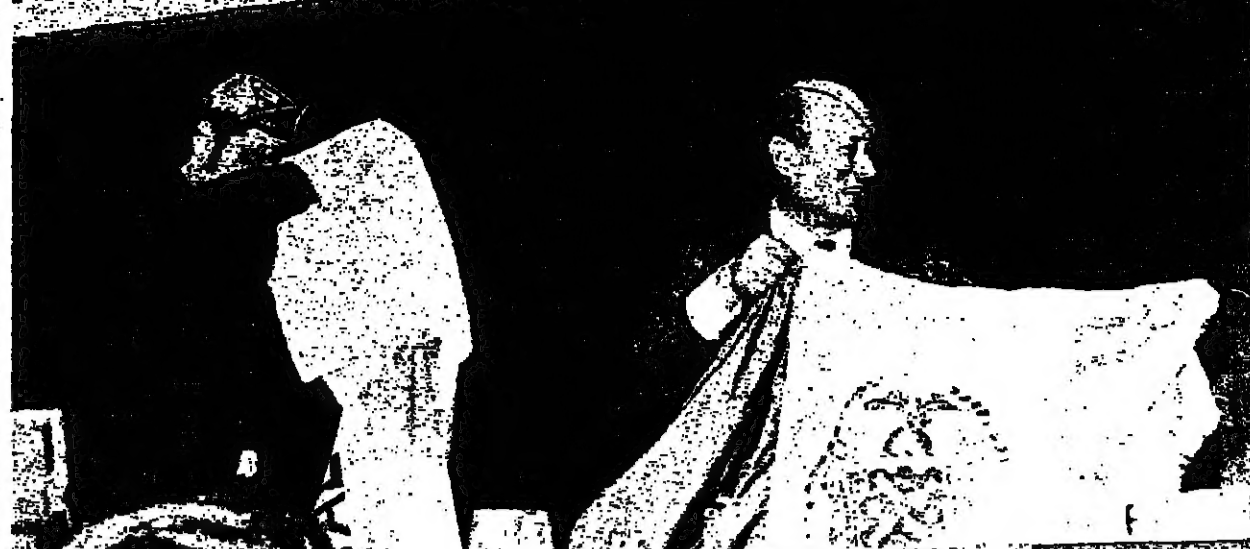
AESAREA. — The father-and-son team of Harold and Jonathan Stutson won the chairman's cup knockout tournament for pairs at the M.C. club here over the weekend ending in the final 36-hole playoff between Davidson and Aubrey Kaplan 5 and 4.

Dudley Kessol of Ramat Hasharon won the individual Stableford competition with 41 points, ahead of 16-year-old Dudu Bornman of Jerusalem with 38 points. Solly Friedman of Haifa won the B division with 38 points.

Several Knesset Members, in the wake of the Yundeff case, have begun to ignore decisions of a foreign court in such cases. At present, the Custodianship Law compels the courts to go along with the foreign court's decision if one of the parents is a foreign national. But an amendment to the law, tabled by nine MKs on a private members bill, will make the welfare of the child — if he resides in Israel — the decisive factor in guiding the Israeli court's decision on allowing or rejecting the foreign court's ruling.

However, even if passed quickly, this amendment is not likely to have any bearing on the case of the Yundeff boys.

# ASSEMBLY OF JE



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## Plans for U.S. Bicentennial fetes here

## 'Don't take U.S. ties for granted'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The red carpet has been rolled out for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington; the U.S. has vetoed anti-Zionist moves in the UN; and we still enjoy unprecedented American economic and military support — but "Israel still shouldn't take America's friendship for granted."

That warning was sounded yesterday by three members of the Israel America Friendship Society at a press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agon.

"The long-term relationship between the two countries is real," said Dr. Ari Ankerson, M.K., a vice-president of the 28-year-old society, "but the day-to-day rela-

tionship is somewhat fragile. When everything is going well, Israelis go crazy with joy, but when the Americans disappoint them, they turn sour."

The voluntary, non-party society, said Moshe Glibson, a member of the society's executive committee, was founded at the time of Israel's independence to foster (as its name denotes) strong ties of friendship between Israel and the U.S. Headed by Aryeh Dulzin and representing 2,000 dues-paying members, the society is planning to pull out all the stops in honour of the American Bicentennial this year.

Included in the schedule of events are three concerts of American music by the Israel Philharmonic Or-

chestra in July, and a luncheon on February 10 attended by the Prime Minister and U.S. Ambassador Malcolm T. Peck. Also scheduled is a composition contest for 11th and 12th graders, with the three best entries on "Two Hundred Years of American Independence" winning scholarships for their authors.

The contributions of Jews to the U.S. since its founding and the help received by Israel from the U.S. will be the dominant themes of the society's observance of the Bicentennial year, noted Shmuel Ben Zvi, executive vice-president. Efforts are also being made to forge links between the society and the American-Israel Friendship League (comprising Jewish and non-Jewish members) which exists in the U.S.

## No jail for contractor who cheated

TEL AVIV. — Instead of handing out a severe sentence to a man convicted of fraud, Judge Aryeh Even-Ari of the Magistrate's Court on Monday imposed only a fine and severely criticised the Government Publications Bureau for which he had worked.

The judge had convicted Yoel Israeli, employed by the bureau as a contractor between 1968 and 1971, of presenting false bills under faked names for work he had never performed. But he imposed a IL1,000 fine and a nine-month suspended sentence on Israeli, instead of sending him to prison as the prosecution demanded.

His reason for doing so, he said, was that the Government Publications Bureau, part of the Prime Minister's Office, continued to employ the director who was in charge of Israeli and approved the false bills for payment. The judge ordered the matter brought to the attention of the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

During Israeli's trial, his boss at the publications bureau, Yehuda Zeig, was declared a hostile witness. Israeli alleged in his trial that Zeig not only approved the bills, but that this was a routine practice Zeig had instituted for many people who worked for the bureau. The judge confirmed this allegation, noting that the bureau's account books were replete with strange entries and irregular erasures.

A similar case being tried currently is that of Yigal Drucker, former spokesman for the Agriculture Ministry and the Poultry Council, who is charged with defrauding the Council — for which he allegedly moonlighted contrary to regulations — by presenting false bills. Drucker has denied the charges, and is free on IL250,000 bail. (Hem)

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## Gaza terrorist gets 20 years

GAZA. — A military court here yesterday sentenced Ballal Abdul Rahman Krayem, a 22-year-old resident of Gaza, to 20 years in jail for a terrorist act committed during the Yom Kippur War.

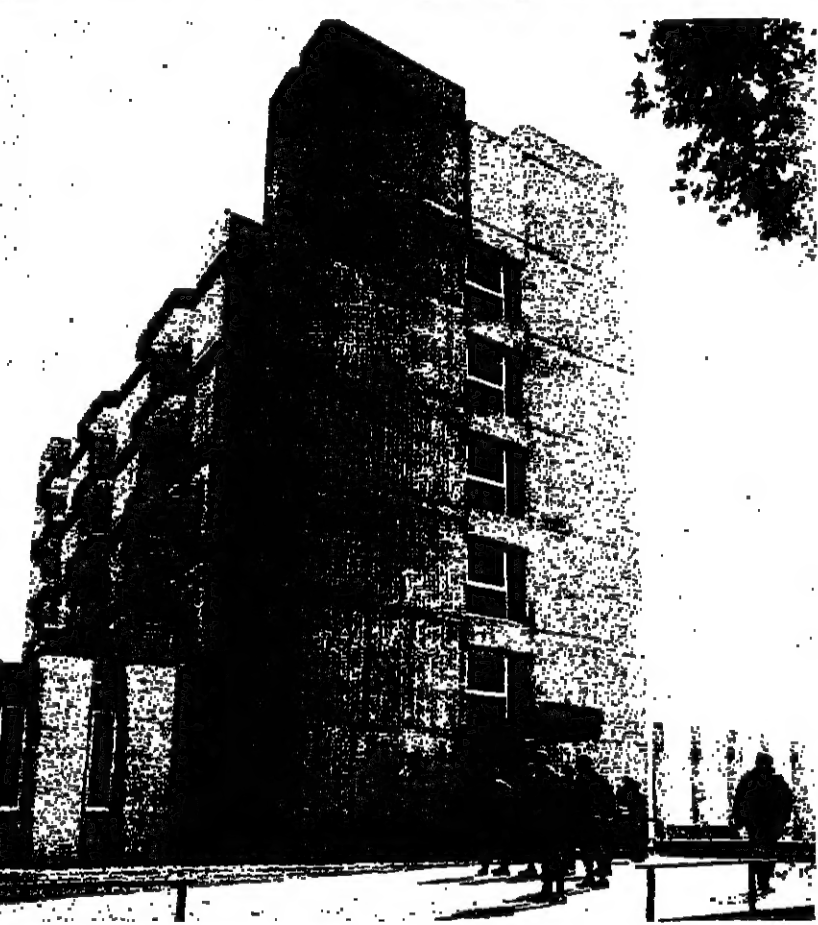
In October 1973, while the battles in Sinai were raging, the accused planted an explosive charge under a section of the railway track south of Gaza. The gravity of the act justified the severe sentence imposed, the court said. (Hem)

## Village chiefs to divide term

KAFR KANNA. — The heads of two competing clans, neither of whom won a majority of votes in last week's election, agreed yesterday to divide the term of council chairman between themselves.

In this village near Nazareth, Mukhtar Muhammad Salim Amara picked up 47 per cent of the vote; Ballal Awada Halif, 30 per cent; and Rakah (New Communist List) — which had won an overwhelming victory in Nazareth — 14.5. With no candidate receiving a majority, a second election will be held next week.

The second vote will only be formal. Rakah has dropped out, and so has Halif. The present mukhtar will win, but has promised to turn over his post to Ballal after two years. (Hem)



The new Beit Hahayal in Haifa.

## Haifa soldiers' centre named for Gen. Koenig

By YA'ACOV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The memory of World War II General Pierre Koenig, one of the outstanding Free French officers and renowned defender of Bir Hakeim, was honoured here yesterday when the splendid new Beit Hahayal was named for him by the Soldiers' Welfare Association in the presence of its French friends.

"It is good to remember General Koenig in these days when we derive little comfort from the policy of France, Koenig, as commander of the Free French forces in North Africa, ordered the Jewish soldiers from Mandatory Palestine who were under his command to fly the flag of Israel. He contributed much to the strength of the Israel Defence Forces," Defence Ministry adviser Asher Ben-Nathan, former Ambassador to Paris, recalled.

The delegation of S.W.A. Friends in France included George Chafir, its president, Victor Valenz, Felix Heraszkowicz, Simon Anki, Simon Guerabo, Alain Renard and general secretary Serge Herco who delivered

## Israel fashions expect 20% rise in exports this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The potential market now open to Israel fashions is limited only by its ability to supply that demand. This was stated by Ariel Frenkel, chairman of the Fashion Centre of the Israel Export Institute, at a press conference yesterday, at which plans were announced for the forthcoming 12th annual Israel Fashion Week.

A record 100 local manufacturers are participating — 20 of them newcomers to the event — and 450 foreign buyers have already registered for Israel's international fashion showcase, with more expected. It will take place at the Tel Aviv Hilton between February 9 and 13.

A "har mitzvah" innovation this year will be a first-ever international fashion week in Jerusalem this September, at which styles for

summer 1977 will be shown to foreign buyers.

Israel's fashion exports for 1975 totalled \$112m. For the current year an increase of 20 per cent is forecast, on the assumption that the world-wide business upswing continues, bringing planned exports for 1976 to \$131m.

Recent export "weeks," covering metal and food, and now fashion, are bringing a total of 1,500 foreign buyers here, said Dr. Gidon Naor, director of the Export Institute.

## Ex-Wered man fined IL7,000 for taking bribe

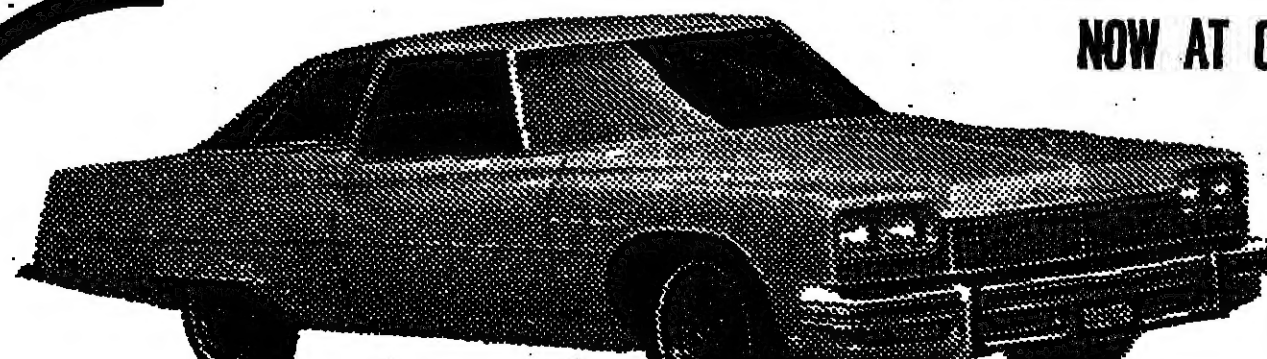
TEL AVIV. — A former assistant branch manager of Wered, the bankrupt Mekorot subsidiary that operated in Asia, Africa and South America, was convicted yesterday of taking bribes.

Ya'acov Maccabi (Zuckerman), 40, of Neve Avivim, was fined IL7,000 and given an 18-month suspended sentence by the Tel Aviv District Court for accepting IL130,000 from a local contractor. In 1973 Maccabi sold the man equipment Wered was liquidating. The company's losses had reached IL100m.

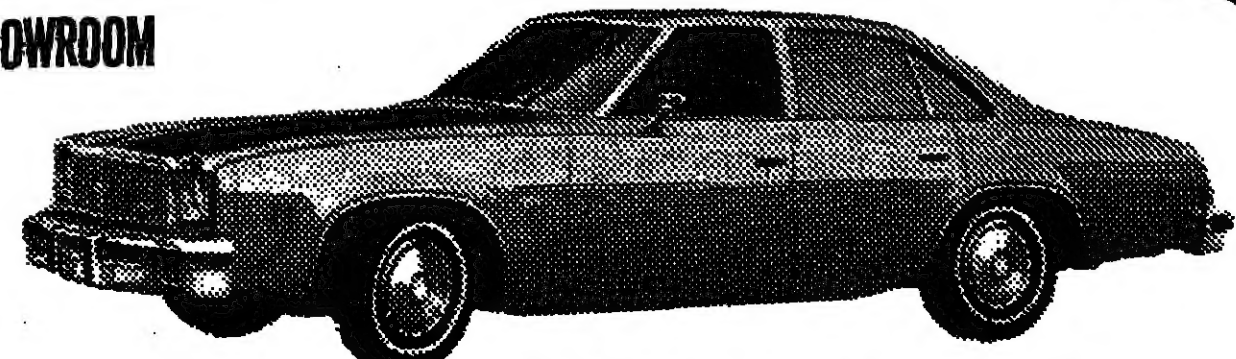
Maccabi, still employed abroad — by another Israel firm — was given a light sentence because he had been able to sell the equipment for \$4m — twice the amount his boss, Wered head Ze'ev Kariv had asked for. Maccabi thought he was entitled to a commission. He returned the money, however, when informed he had committed a criminal act.

In 1974 Kariv also underwent criminal prosecution on a charge of falsifying Wered accounts, but was cleared. (Hem)

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## Rumsfeld reports to Congress — U.S. must spend more to fend off Soviet military threat

WASHINGTON. — Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said yesterday that the U.S. must increase its defence spending because of threatening Soviet military advances.

In the Pentagon's annual "posture statement," Rumsfeld defended President Ford's request for an increase in military spending for 1977 to \$100.1 billion, which Ford says represents a \$7.8 billion increase over 1976.

Rumsfeld indicated the Pentagon may move to build a bigger fleet of missile-firing Trident submarines. The additional Tridents, which cost about \$1.5 billion each, might replace some older submarines and land-based Minuteman missiles which may become vulnerable to Soviet attack in the future.

In his first formal report to Congress as Secretary of Defence, Rumsfeld said current U.S. forces are adequate to balance Russia's present arms strength. But, he said, "confidence in the future adequacy of our force structure is gradually declining."

"Because of the trends — reductions on our part and Soviet military expansion — there has been a gradual shift in the power balance over the past 15 years," Rumsfeld told the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

"As you consider this budget, you will inevitably consider the military environment, the state of our defenses, and the facts of the world situation, as I have done. The arithmetic is not encouraging, the facts are not kind, but the task is fundamental."

"The acquisition of a large and diversified nuclear capability by the U.S.S.R. has had especially profound and negative aspects on U.S. security."

This includes increased numbers of large missiles, deployment of new, long-range ballistic missiles, mobile ICBMs, a new generation of long-range submarine-launched missiles and vastly increased accuracy.

In response, the Pentagon wants to spend about \$15 billion on new in-

itatives of its own, including production of the B1 strategic bomber, build more billion-dollar Trident missile-launching submarines and begin work on a larger, possibly mobile, highly accurate ballistic missile.

Rumsfeld noted that U.S. war reserve stocks in Europe were supplied to Israel in the 1973 war. They will not be fully replaced until at least 1981, he disclosed. The U.S. had in Europe only 32 per cent of its required stockpile of tanks, 41 per cent of armoured troop carriers, 50 per cent of artillery and 64 per cent of radios.

He said \$2.2 billion was being requested for the 1977 fiscal year to replenish the worldwide U.S. war reserve stockpile.

He told the House the Communists have more troops in Central Europe than are needed for defence — and they can march on a few hours' notice.

He said that at present the troops of the Atlantic Alliance could probably resist a Soviet-led attack but that the possibilities for a surprise attack were increasing and that the United States was considering the addition of two brigades and more fighter aircraft.

Rumsfeld, a former U.S. Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, made the relationship between the troops of the alliance and the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact a major focus of his report.

"Essentially," he said, "about 80 Soviet and non-Soviet active divisions throughout Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union are immediately available for combat. For the longer term, about 180 more divisions could be deployed."

Rumsfeld called it "an undeniable and substantial military threat," and said its force of close to one million men, "a tactical air force of some 3,000 aircraft and what must be the largest concentration of tanks in the world" seems to have taken as its model the Nazi blitzkrieg attack, involving both speed and overwhelming armoured power — and possibly a chemical warfare capacity which Nato does not have.

(UPI, AP)

## U.S. vetoes pro-Palestine resolution

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. on Monday night vetoed a resolution in the Security Council that would have the Council favouring Palestinian statehood.

The vote on the resolution, which also called for Israel withdrawal from all Arab territories taken in 1967, was 9-1, with 3 abstentions and two representatives not participating.

China and Libya did not participate in the vote because it was not hard enough on Israel, they said. Britain, Italy and Sweden abstained after the defeat of a British amendment aimed to specify that the resolution would not supersede the 1967 and 1973 Council decisions (242 and 338) on which peace negotiations have been based.

Those in favour of the resolution were France, Japan, the Soviet Union and the six sponsors — Pakistan, Rumania, Panama, Guyana, Tanzania and Benin (formerly Dahomey).

The vote was the climax of a two-week Council debate in which the Palestine Liberation Organization participated. The veto was the 18th cast by the U.S. and the fourth dealing with a Middle East issue.

The vote was delayed by a last-minute British proposal that would have amended the resolution to declare that nothing in it was meant to supersede two Council resolutions, 242 and 338, which were adopted in 1967 and 1973, and laid the current framework for Middle East peace efforts.

The British amendment got only four votes toward the necessary nine-vote majority.

Explaining the U.S. veto, Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan said the resolution's adoption "would have been seriously harmful to the future of the peace-making process."

Moynihan said the veto, his sixth, was "not lightly cast" but sprang from his government's conclusion "that our responsibility to seek further progress toward an overall peace settlement in the Middle East required us, even if we stood alone, to preserve the framework for negotiations" established in the Council's resolutions 242 and 338.

The last speaker in the debate was Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's observer delegation to the debate.

The PLO, he said, "will always be willing to contribute to the peace-making efforts of the Council, while it is simultaneously engaging in its armed struggle to liberate Palestine."

Kaddoumi said the U.S. had demonstrated "its prejudiced and unwavering support of Israel at the cost of impairing the effectiveness of the Council," even while "it poses as a mediator."

Kaddoumi said the debate had demonstrated that the Palestinians were entitled to independence in their homeland, that the PLO was their representative, that no Middle East solution was feasible without the consent and participation of the PLO, and that the Council's basic 1967 resolution was inadequate.

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The U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Daniel Moynihan, raises his hand to veto the pro-Palestinian resolution in the Security Council on Monday night. (AP Radiophoto)

right of Israel to exist within secure borders. The PLO has never acknowledged that.

"We shall go back confident, as we have always been, that the Arab masses will further increase their moral and material support to our armed struggle," Farouk Kaddoumi told the Council.

He added that the U.S. government, "which suffered heavy blows at the hands of the great peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia," should understand that the will and determination of peoples were always stronger than lethal and sophisticated weapons and the privileged position which it abused in the Security Council.

● Egypt's Ezzat Abdel Meguid said the debate had clearly demonstrated that recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people

was regarded by the overwhelming majority of states as fundamental to any Middle East settlement.

● Abdul Hamid Sharaf of Jordan said that by casting a veto against a "moderate and balanced resolution" the U.S. had destroyed a rare opportunity for opening the road to peace.

"The U.S. has made a historic mistake by missing this opportunity and by its insistence on maintaining the old anachronistic framework for the establishment of peace," he declared.

● Syrian Ambassador Mowaffak Alal said that the resolution had been adopted "in the face of the support of 11 Council members, since the two which did not take part in the vote — China and Libya — considered it too mild." (AP, Reuters, UPI)

## 'Israel's position vindicated'

Israel issued the following statement after the Security Council vote:

"The resolution which was submitted to the Security Council, a negation of Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which are the framework for peace in the Middle East. The Security Council meeting was convened at the instance of the Syrian PLO in pursuance of their aim to destroy the peace-making process in the Middle East. It was a furtherance of a policy devised at the General Assembly to eliminate the concept of a negotiated settlement in place of a negotiated agreement. This was the purpose of convening the Security Council meeting. Israel was unwilling to be a party to this latest negation of the peace-making process. It is to be hoped that states friendly to Israel — Japan, Panama and Rumania — saw fit to confirm a resolution which, in effect, attempts to eliminate Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and to destroy the existing peace mechanism in the Middle East. Israel has the note of the fact that Great Britain, Sweden and Italy did not lend their support to this resolution which had been adopted. It was seriously prejudicial to the peace-making process for a settlement in the Middle East.

"The recent developments in the Security Council only tend to deny the position taken by Israel, denying as they do all value to this sterile and dangerous debate."

"It is sobering indeed to note that the Security Council had to debate for two weeks this resolution designed to block the road to peace in the Middle East while it was unable to address itself to the horrifying tragedy of Lebanon."

"Israel continues to maintain its position that the Security Council resolutions can in no way substitute for direct negotiations between the parties."

"Israel reiterates its call to convene the Geneva Peace Conference, in accordance with the original letter of invitation, in order to examine possible solutions to the Middle East conflict."

## Opec sets up \$1b. fund to help poor nations

PARIS. — Finance ministers of the 13 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries yesterday virtually completed work on the financing of a \$1b. fund which will provide low interest loans to the world's poorest nations.

Venezuela was the first Opec member to announce its share. Its delegation said Caracas will contribute \$100m. to help nations classed by the UN as the most underprivileged ones. The ministers were met behind an impressive police screen at the Avenue Kleber International Conference Centre.

Considering security arrangements in Vienna inadequate, the ministers moved to Paris. The organization's headquarters in the Austrian capital was the scene of an attack by pro-Palestinian terrorists who killed three persons last December 31 and for two days held Opec ministers and high officials hostage.

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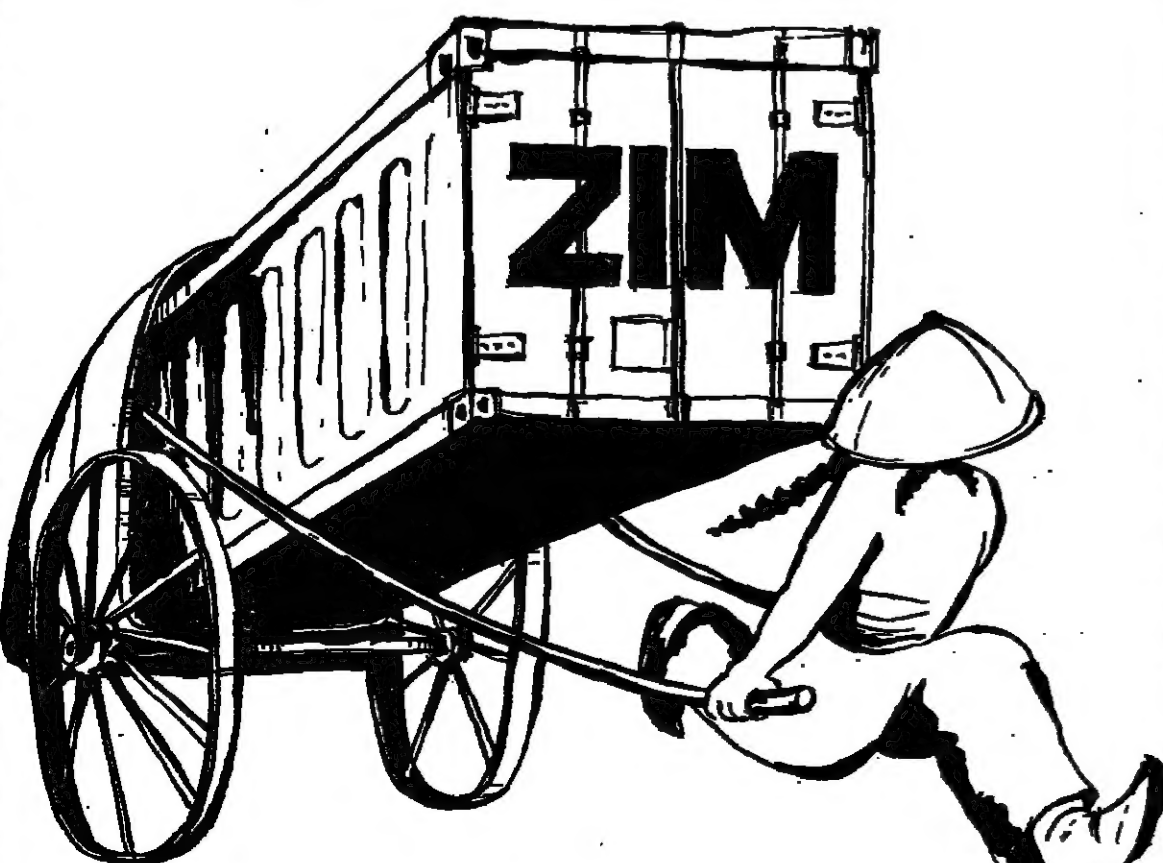
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## Axe-wielding rebels attack Bougainville government buildings

ARAWA, Bougainville Island. — A band of about 800 separatist rebels armed with axes attacked government buildings, barricaded roads and airfields and took government officials hostage yesterday to press demands for independence and a \$5m. payoff from Papua New Guinea.

The rebels overran and took control of the towns of Buin and Boku on the island.

Prime Minister Michael Somare of Papua New Guinea ordered six 30-man riot squads to the island after separatists attacked government buildings with axes, felling trees on them and blocking airports and roads. Obstructions on the runway prevented the airstrip from re-opening.

The rebels later took Leslie Dungey, officer in charge of the Boku patrol post, his assistant and his family hostage in the town of Boku, 45 km southwest of the capital of Arawa.

Police were ordered to retake the towns of Buin, 56 km south-

east of Arawa, which is currently being held by the rebels, and Boku. Roads into both towns have been blocked by felled trees.

Rebels threatened a secessionist campaign on January 16 in an ultimatum they gave to the Papua New Guinea government to pay \$5.375m. in royalties from the Bougainville copper mine within five days.

The separatists unofficially declared their independence from Papua New Guinea on September 1 last year, calling the island "the Republic of North Solomons."

Although Buin and Boku are in rebel hands, they were reported calm, with villagers going about their normal tasks.

The only evidence of the loss of control by the government in Buin was a destroyed patrol post, with government documents and furniture scattered outside. At Boku, visible signs of rebel activities were one burned building, and another with its walls and roof smashed.

(UPI)

## Fulbright now Arab adviser

WASHINGTON. — William Fulbright (Democrat-Arkansas), former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, registered with the Justice Department Monday as an agent of a group of Arab sheikdoms.

Fulbright, now a member of a Washington law firm with a large foreign clientele, signed up as a legal counsel for the

United Arab Emirates and the Council of European and Japanese National Ship Owners' Associations.

Under a 1938 law aimed at foreign propaganda fronts operating in the United States, any agent of a foreign government must register with a foreign agents registration unit in the Justice Department's Internal Security section.

Fulbright said on his registration form that he gives the "usual legal representation and advice" under a proposed which the United Arab Emirates accepted last November 28.

Last August, Fulbright wrote to Said Ahmed Ghobash, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, proposing that Bogdan and Hartson be retained at \$25,000 a year. (UPI)

## Moro struggles to form gov't

ROME. — Alleged U.S. Central Intelligence Agency payments to Italian politicians and a nationwide builders strike yesterday dogged Premier Designate Aldo Moro's last effort to form a stopgap government.

Moro worked on a draft economic recovery programme that might win parliamentary support for the one-party Cabinet of his Christian Democrats he hoped to form.

The alternative to such a government was general elections one year early which could bring the opposition Communist Party its first Cabinet posts since 1947.

As 1.4 million construction workers staged a 24-hour strike to press for new contracts and economic reforms, the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement party said it would demand a parliamentary investigation of alleged CIA and Soviet KGB intelligence activities concerning Italy.

The U.S. Embassy issued a statement calling "totally without foundation" recent press stories alleging the CIA had spent \$6 million in Italy since December 1975 as well as allegations naming individual Italian politicians and labour union officials as receiving the funds. (UPI)

## Argentina postpones elections

BUENOS AIRES. — Argentina's general elections, which had been pushed up by five months to October 17, have been postponed because of complaints from the opposition, Interior Minister Roberto Arce said on Monday.

Arce said in a televised news interview, "The elections will not be held on October 17." He added that he did not know when the elections will be held but that a new date will be announced within a month.

About five weeks ago, the government announced that the elections, originally scheduled for March 1977, had been rescheduled for October 17, 1976. (UPI)

## Syrian push for debate 'unwise'

POST-AL-AHRAM Correspondent. — Syrian Foreign Minister Abd-Halim Khaddam was yesterday summoned home from Beirut for consultations with President Hafez Assad over the result of the Security Council Middle East debate. Khaddam was expected to confer with U.S. ambassador Richard Murphy after the U.S. vetoed the Syrian-inspired resolutions for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). There was no indication from Damascus what course of action Syria would take.

Khaddam's return home yesterday coincided with statements by Egyptian officials charging Syria with having caused a defeat for the Arabs at the Security Council. The Egyptian officials had earlier termed as "counter-productive" the debate, which was held at the initiative of Syria. Some Egyptian officials went further yesterday to describe the Syrian stance on the debate as "unwise."

But President Assad confirmed the death sentence against his husband convicted on the same charge, the paper added.

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The eldest son was given 10 years in jail by a military tribunal but the case against the two younger children was dropped because they were minors. "Al-Ahram" said. (Reuters)

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CAIRO. — A woman sentenced to death as an Israel spy has been freed by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat so she can look after her children, "Al-Ahram" newspaper reported yesterday.

But President Sadat confirmed the death sentence against her husband convicted on the same charge, the paper added.

"Al-Ahram" named the woman as Ibrahim Ali Mousa and said she, her husband Ibrahim Saeed Chabiri and their three sons were arrested in August 1974 as alleged spies for Israel.

The eldest son was given 10 years in jail by a military tribunal but the case against the two younger children was dropped because they were minors. "Al-Ahram" said. (Reuters)



## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR SUMMER COURSE AT THE 1976 SUMMER SCHOOL AT OSLO UNIVERSITY

In the context of the Israel-Norway Cultural Agreement, the Government of Norway offers Israeli citizens two grants, each of 4,700 Norwegian Crowns (NOK) for studies at the 1976 Summer School at Oslo University. The grants are intended for students who have at least a first degree, and for qualified teachers between the ages of 20 and 30.

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## AT THE CINEMA

## A De Sica masterpiece

Brief Vacation (Ben Yehuda, Aviv), is the penultimate film of great Italian director Vittorio De Sica who died at the end of 1974 (his picture, "The Voyage," is ready on view at Jerusalem's Ar-Cinema). Producers are Arthur and Marina Cioagna, and the screenplay is by Cesare Zavattini, who many scripts for De Sica in the "Bicycle Thieves," "Umberto and "Shoeshine."

These post-war masterpieces of realism come to mind in the first of "A Brief Vacation," which shows the drab, hopeless life of an Italian factory worker, Clara (Florinda Bolkan) who has moved from the country's "deep" with her selfish husband (Salvatore), their three small and several relatives.

As the only member of the family to hold down a steady job, Clara is forced to take the hardest but best work at the factory where she is played. One day, she collapses at the assembly line and symptoms of tuberculosis are diagnosed at local clinic. Over the objections of selfish family, fearful of losing breadwinner, she is sent to a te-herapeutic sanatorium for a rest.

In these peaceful mountain surroundings, the harassed woman is able for the first time to savour the wonders of leisure, of having time to talk with her fellow-convalescents. She makes friends with some of them and they learn to value her judgement, helping Clara to gain self-confidence and develop an awareness of her own worth as a human being. Instead of the exploited drudge she had become at home, she begins to feel an individual again, and the transformation is completed when she falls in love with a gentle young mechanic (Daniel Quenard) from the men's wing of the sanatorium.

The rest-cure, ironically, turns into Clara's first real holiday. But what will happen at the end of her idyllic "brief vacation"? De Sica wisely concludes on a note of ambiguity, with hopes for a brighter future mitigating the heartbreak of her journey back to the grim reality of Milan.

Florida Bolkan gives a beautiful performance in this warm, deeply moving film, which reminds us anew of the director's very special understanding of the human condition, and also of what we have lost with the passing of one of the finest artists in the history of the cinema. Should not be missed. J.L.



Corporal Shaver (George Segal) doing his bit on the rooftops of Vancouver to foil a plot to kill Kosygin.

## The Mounties to the rescue

Canadian Boulette (Habibrah, Russian and Alenby, Tel Aviv). A man to kill Kosygin while on a visit to Canada threatens to embroil the peripatetic in a spot of bother. Canada's famous Mounties, presented by bumbling senior officers, don't seem to be getting anywhere.

Enter Royal Canadian Mounted Police Corporal Shaver (George Segal), who saves the bacon after saving the mandatory trail of bodies his wake.

Segal's craggy features fit in well with the no-nonsense, if rather sallowly delineated, character of Shaver. He is aided and abetted by

his definitely non-craggy featured RCMP girlfriend Bogue (Christina Raines). She demonstrates a flair for the meter by putting paid to a KGB gorilla with a garden fork in the back.

The story is based on a novel, "Kosygin is Coming" by Tom Arden, who had a hand in the script. This is perhaps unfortunate, because the obviously complicated novel doesn't translate too easily on to the screen and the film plot suffers from a surfeit of loose ends.

However the end-result is a competently made thriller directed with dash by Lou Lombardo.

GREGOR

## A real-life tear-jerker

Window to the Sky (Peor, Tel Aviv) the chronicle of a semi-paralyzed girl's struggle to lead a useful life in spite of her terrible handicap. It is used on a real-life story with the aid of the technical advisers to the production. Teacher Jill Kinmont (Marilyn Assett) and her friend A.J. (Belinda Montgomery) had been the top darts in their California high school 14th hopes of being chosen for the 1968 U.S. Olympics team. Then A.J. caught polio and Jill later broke her back in a test run. At first Jill can't believe she will never walk again and bitterly upset when her friend Gradual (Bill Vint) walks out on her. Gradual she grows to accept her fate and is elated out of her self-pity by Dick Buck (Beau Bridges), a daredevil skier by whom she had been at-

tracted before her accident. He convinces her she can still play a useful part in life as a teacher and declares that he wants to marry her.

The theme of a human being's fight against overwhelming odds cannot but move the viewer to admiration and compassion and Marilyn Assett with her "clean living" look makes an appealing heroine. What is wrong with the film is the way the theme has been handled. Director Larry Pearce (Ash Wednesday) and his scriptwriter David Seltzer miss no opportunity to be maudlin and to stress the obvious. One tear-jerking mishap follows another and tears flow copiously on screen. To be fair, however, many in the audience were also wiping their eyes.

A subject that rated a better screenplay and more interesting direction.

S.W.

## FROM TOBACCO TO LETTUCE

## Jewish share in saga of smoking

By ERICH GOITZETREU  
Special to The Jerusalem Post



A tobacco plant in flower.

NEWS that a nicotine-free cigarette made from lettuce leaves, the invention of Argentinian Jewish biochemist Dr. Gregorio Rubinstein, is to be produced commercially in Israel would seem to bring the Jewish role in the saga of smoking to its climax.

It was a Spanish Marrano who brought the first tobacco leaves to Europe from Central America and who may thus be said to have been the first European tobacco importer. He was Luis de Torres, chief interpreter to Christopher Columbus on the great seafarer's first expedition in 1492.

History has it that after making landfall at Guanahani, one of the islands of the Bahamas which Columbus renamed San Salvador, the fleet arrived in Cuba. Torres became the first white man to set foot on the island and went straight into action.

Addressing the natives in the name of his captain, the Great Admiral, Torres used all the languages he knew, including Hebrew, Aramaic and Arabic in addition to Spanish. He was particularly hopeful about Hebrew, as many of his contemporaries thought that descendants of the lost Ten Tribes might be living in the India they were seeking. However, the "Indios" of Cuba didn't understand Hebrew and had never heard of the Ten Commandments, let alone the Ten Tribes.

The Spanish explorers were also disappointed to find that, contrary to rumour current in Guanahani, the Cuban natives had no gold. However, Torres' opposite number did offer him something of which the islanders seemed to be inordinately proud: the rolled dried-out leaves of a plant he called tobacco, which he put in his mouth — and smoked. Torres tried out the gift and apparently found his first Havana cigar to his liking. He took some specimens back to the Santa Maria with him and gave a demonstration to Columbus. But the Gran Almirante didn't like the flavour and insisted on remaining a non-smoker. Indeed, in his report to Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus didn't even bother to mention the discovery of the fragrant weed.

Later on, however, when the Spaniards began to colonize Cuba (Torres himself had been the first to settle there) they soon realized what a gold-mine these leaves could be. The "Indios" loved their cigars, but

they were only allowed to go on smoking the tobacco they cultivated provided they paid a tax for the pleasure. Thus the first tobacco excise was born.

JEWISH PARTICIPATION in preparations for the voyage of discovery was very considerable, as has been stressed by such distinguished scholars as Cecil Roth, as well as by more popular writers. Among the latter is Simon Wiesenthal of Vienna, better known as the hunter-down of Nazis. In his book, "Segel der Hoffnung: die geheime Mission des Christoph Columbus" ("Sails of Hope: the Secret Mission of Christopher Columbus"), published in 1972 by Walter Verlag, Olten and Freiburg, Wiesenthal used many hitherto overlooked sources in Spanish and other archives to advance good arguments that Columbus was probably of Jewish descent himself. He suggests that the aim of his voyage was not only to discover a new sea route to India but also to find a homeland for the persecuted Spanish Jews — possibly a land already inhabited by descendants of the lost Ten Tribes.

There is no doubt, that Columbus and his navigators used "Jewish" maps and nautical instruments on their expedition. In the second half of the 16th century cartography in the

Iberian Peninsula was a largely Jewish field of endeavour. There were even special schools for cartography, particularly on the island of Mallorca, directed by Jewish scholars, who were popularly known as "map Jews" or "compass Jews."

At that time thousands of Spanish Jews had already been forced to convert to Christianity or to face persecution, and the tolerance shown towards these Jewish cartographers recalls the satanic magnanimity of the Nazi rulers who classified Jews whose work was considered essential for the war effort as "w.w." (wirtschaftlich wertvoll), i.e., economically valuable — thus delaying their deportation.

EVER SINCE the discovery of tobacco Jews have been prominent in the trade — from the Marrano who helped to introduce it to Europe, continuing to 17th century Amsterdam and Hamburg and on into modern times. In the United States cigar and cigarette-making at one time had the largest concentration of Jewish workers after the garment industry. In England, Bernard Baron, the tobacco multimillionaire and philanthropist, turned Carreras into the largest tobacco firm in the country and one of the biggest in the world. In pre-Hitler Berlin, hundreds of street-corner tobacco shops were connected with the Jewish-owned firm of Loeser & Wolff which operated three cigarette factories in East Prussia. Three other well-known German-Jewish cigarette manufacturers were Garbary-Rosenthal, Manoli-Mandelbaum and I. Neumann.

In pre-State of Israel days Dr. Walter Moses, formerly one of the most active and influential Zionist youth leaders in Germany, pioneered the cigarette industry here by establishing the Dubek factory — the first in the country to be set up with Jewish capital and Jewish labour.

An old Hassidic folksong bears witness to the fact that even the most orthodox Jews enjoyed smoking — except on the holy Sabbath, of course. The song visualizes the wonderful days after the coming of the Messiah when (in free translation from the Yiddish) "Fresh buns will grow on the trees. The branches will be mouth-pieces and tobacco-pipes. The leaves will be used for Turkish tobacco. And every Hassid will smoke as much as he likes."

## Defence at trick one

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your partner has at most four points.

Deal 2

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 9 8 7 6	♠ A 9 8 7 6	♠ A 9 8 7 6	♠ A 9 8 7 6
♥ Q 10 9 8	♥ Q 10 9 8	♥ Q 10 9 8	♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ K 10 9 8	♦ K 10 9 8	♦ K 10 9 8	♦ K 10 9 8
♣ A 10 9 8	♣ A 10 9 8	♣ A 10 9 8	♣ A 10 9 8

The bidding:

SOUTH NORTH

1NT 3NT

## The Jerusalem Post bridge tip competition

The Jerusalem Post is sponsoring a bridge competition with a first prize of a year's subscription to The Jerusalem Post Overseas Weekly (valued IL200) to be sent abroad to a person designated by the winner of the competition, and a second prize of a year's associate membership in the I.B.P.A. (International Bridge Press Association), including a subscription to their monthly bulletin (value IL100). Our competition is parallel to the

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A white chiffon evening dress ruffled in pastel shades shown in Pierre Balmain's show in Paris earlier this week. (AP)

## Paris spring-summer shows

PARIS — Marc Bohan at Dior sees spring-summer as down-to-earth tailored daytimes and vaporous evenings — in a ladylike collection that appeals without being world-shaking.

His silhouette is narrow with squared-off, padded shoulders, but skirts are eased, pleated or split generously for walking. A few trouser suits and skirt-suits have mannish jackets in Prince of Wales patterns, softened with feminine blouses.

The drawing is the thing, and goes right through the collection from morning to midnight.

An interesting suit jacket in gabardine has a low-waisted drawing with big draped patch pockets on the bust. Early daytime colours are navy, khaki, beige, brown and some white and grey. Some flowing or belted taffeta raincoats make a refreshing change from the usual trench-coat.

Dressier dresses — mostly a few inches below the knee — are in softer fabrics like georgette and crepe silk. They are softly gathered at the waist, and fairly allover along. Some are covered up with loosely flowing smock jackets.

The cover-up tunic or smock is a Bohan favourite in the light fabrics. Many have a Moroccan caftan look with a pointed hood falling softly at the back. Evening looks are sexy, again with see-through caftans or scarfs to cover up transparently.

PIERRE CARDIN abandoned the classic look in women's trousers in his spring and summer collection, opting instead for fancy pants inspired by the circus clown and the harem.

A series of high-waisted overalls with enormously full legs made in print cottons opened the collection. Fancy pants continued with clown costumes billowing out from beneath the bosom and gathered in again by smoking around the ankle.

There were soft crepe jump suits worn with legs folded to midcalf length, pants tethered and ruffled round the ankles, and harem trousers worn with bare midriff bandeaus, brassieres and long trailing head scarves in matching chiffon.

For the most formal occasions there were pants in transparent fabrics with stove-pipe legs and loose full hosiery tops or long tunics cuffed and banded below the derriere.

The most exotic versions were worn by Cardin's favourite mannequin, a tall slim Indian girl. She also modelled skin-tight hobble skirts banded so snugly around the ankles that the walk was reduced to a tiny mincing step.

Asymmetrical treatments starred in the one-shouldered sari dresses or loose togas with swag drapery caught at one side.

Flarelines were often irregular, cut in long trailing handkerchief points or panelled capes falling down the back. (AP and Reuter)

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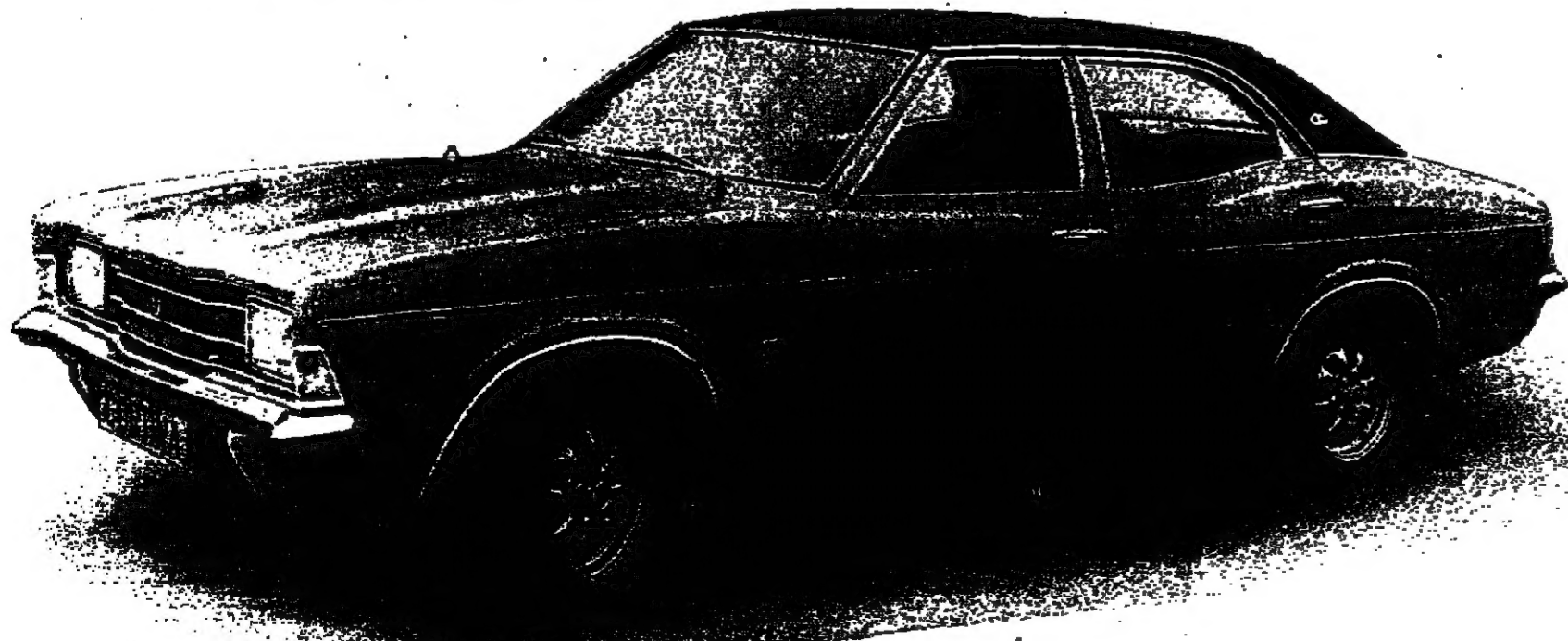
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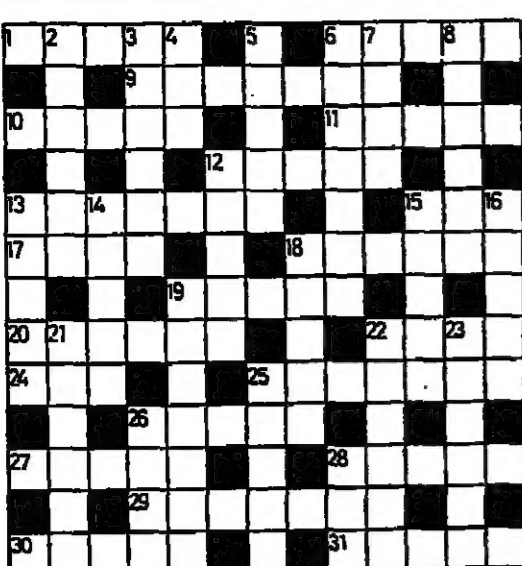


# TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- No father figure, but one of a pair (5)
  - Show a letter to everyone (5)
  - Full of zeal for certain causes? (7)
  - Afraid of draughts? (5)
  - A puss from the river (5)
  - Crime somewhat hard on a boy (5)
  - Set out at a right distance (7)
  - Turn out to sleep (3)
  - Robert spins a yarn (4)
  - Upper class punter? (6)
  - Net result of Doms being used out of love (5)
  - Best 24 hours (6)
  - Weapon in cook's armory (5)
  - Ware to come to an untimely end (3)
  - He keeps getting an artist into court, squashes (7)
  - Encourages the test (5)
  - She puts on many an air (5)
  - Each broken leg has telos (5)
  - Being a somewhat gaudy piece of chicken (7)
  - Such wretchedness as men may have (5)
  - Stamped as old-fashioned? (5)
- DOWN
- In which the birds get a change of air (6)
  - Being a peculiar figure, is he not even a normal fellow? (7)
  - Dummy name? (3)
  - Quantity set fire to again (5)
  - Thought to ruin Ted? (7)
  - The vivacity of Angela (5)
  - Robinson, of course! (6)
  - No gay feeling (5)



## EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Punctures (5)
  - From then on (5)
  - Unopened flower (7)
  - Confess (5)
  - Office worker (5)
  - Position (5)
  - Removes from office (7)
  - Not at work (3)
  - Very dry (4)
  - Active case (5)
  - Search (5)
  - Thoroughly (5)
  - Threatful (5)
  - Can make (4)
  - Successful (4)
  - Worried (5)
  - Shock (5)
  - Best election (5)
  - Call on (7)
  - Positive (7)
  - Busy (5)
  - Old saying (5)
- DOWN
- Paying guest (6)
  - Camera stand (6)
  - Drunkard (3)
  - Detention rooms (5)
  - Not working (7)
  - Wine bottle (6)
  - Colts (5)
  - Board game (5)
  - Yearned (5)
  - Unconcerned (5)
  - Foreign coin (5)
  - Silent (5)
  - Slim (7)
  - Case (6)
  - At the back (5)
  - Helping (5)
  - Moored (5)
  - Readily (4)
  - By way of (3)

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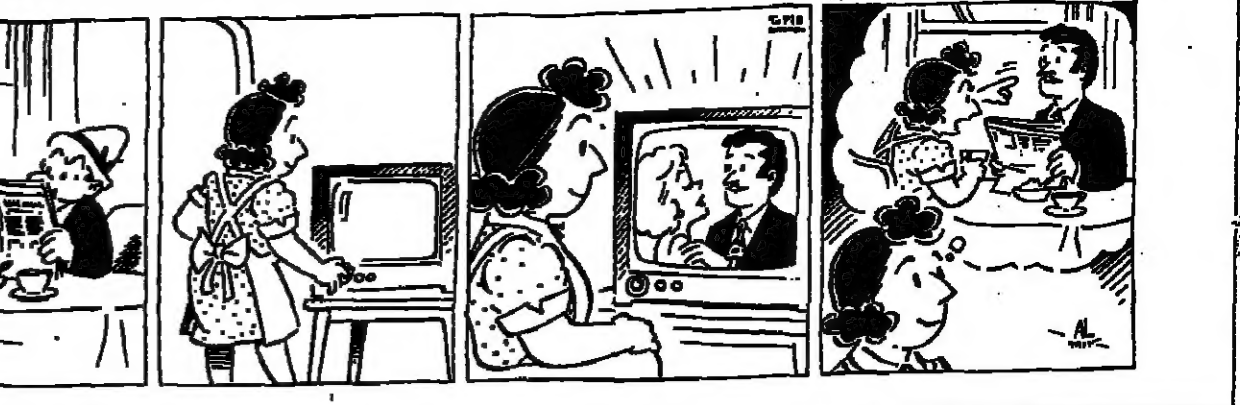
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## Brazilian boom falters

By MICHAEL ARKUS

RIO DE JANEIRO

THE BRAZILIAN economic miracle, based on an annual growth rate of 10 per cent, is in the doldrums, a victim of higher oil prices, world inflation and recession. The Government has finally had to sacrifice the previously sacrosanct goal of maintaining the 10 per cent growth rate in the need to reduce the balance of payments deficit.

Banishing all other goals to a secondary status, it has introduced new series of tough measures aimed, among other things, at reducing imports and stimulating exports in order to achieve the new objective.

Aside from the overall effects on the economy, the slump has hit hard at the ordinary working people of Brazil, some of them already among the poorest in the continent.

One of the major causes for Brazil's present troubles, as with other countries, is the steep rise in oil

prices. Its oil imports soared from only \$600m. in 1973 to \$3,300m. this year — that is about half the current account deficit and over three quarters of the balance of trade deficit.

Already since 1974 a series of measures have been brought into effect in an attempt to reduce the trade deficit. In December, 1974 tariffs were boosted substantially on a wide range of imported goods considered superfluous.

It is to be hoped that these measures are successful, for Brazil's external debt, which at the end of 1974 stood at \$17,400m., reached some \$21,500m. by the end of 1975. Moreover, the hard currency reserves, which stood at \$5,515m. in June 1974, and \$3,867m. in December 1974, fell to \$3,892m. in August 1975.

Thus if the economy continued to deteriorate at the present rhythm the reserves would be exhausted in 1977 and the external debt would rise to \$28,200m. by the end of 1979. (Becker)

## EL AVIV STOCKS:

## Mixed day for stocks

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
EL AVIV. — The upward trend among index-linked stocks which began earlier this week continued yesterday. Bonds with a short and medium range redemption rate rose by about two points. Those with a long-term redemption rate remained flat. The turnover in bonds was low 1110.1m.

Stocks were mixed. The turnover was to 111.2m. of which 1153,500 was in the market. The general index of share prices was unchanged at 125.83.

Bank Leumi unchanged at 206 (36,500); General Mortgage Bank (Apotika) up 3.5 to 211 (13,000); DBC down 3.5 to 140.5 (26,500); Ables down two to 112 (14,700);

Dead Sea up six to 225 (5,000) and Bank Leumi Investment up 1.5 to 203 (4,500).

Following a demand for \$87,000, the Nafat dollar rose by two points to stand at 118.42. The turnover came to 27,000.

(The black market dollar on L.L. Nafat has been slipping, according to dealers. The L.L. Nafat rate for the dollar now stands at 118.90 among dealers. Those selling their dollars on L.L. Nafat were getting between 118.50-118.70 and 118.50 for cheques.)

(German marks were going for 113.70, the pound sterling for 118. French francs for 112. Swiss francs for 113.80. Gold was 1145,000 per kg. and a sovereign 11450.)

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## Arab competition leads to boycott by local truckers

BEERSHEBA

The Trucking Council will boycott the transportation of goods to and from the settlements of the Rafah Approaches in protest at the employment of Gaza drivers rather than Israeli truckers, representatives of the council told a news conference here on Monday.

Michael Shavit, a member of the Trucking Council's secretariat, said that since the settlers began using Arab trucks to carry agricultural produce, because of their lower fares, Jewish-owned vehicles have been at a standstill.

Menahem Guber, secretary-general of the organization, told the press that even the Nafat settlement of Sukkot employs Arab truckers. The boycott will likely hamper development projects in the region as the council controls all heavy transport in Israel over 100 tons — a total of 6,000 vehicles.

Guber said since the Gaza drivers do not pay income tax and are exempt from a variety of social benefit fees imposed on their Israeli counterparts, they can carry produce at a rate of 60-80 agorot per crate, while the price demanded by the latter is 111.20 per crate. (Tina)

## Sewing plant needs workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The Ghor Sewing Plant here desperately needs at least another 50 women in order to fill pressing export orders. The management has offered veteran employees a bonus of 11.250 for each new employee brought in who remains on the job at least four months. Some have already recruited up to four new workers.

The management has also opened a training course whose 15 participants earn at least 11.35 a day, plus extra incentive pay if they exceed a minimum output.

"We have sewing machines waiting to be installed if only we can get the manpower to operate them. We have work for another 200 women," one executive said.

The management is advertising in the press, and has also appealed to the labour exchanges. The plant currently employs 150 women.

## Key men willing to alter output norms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Shop committee men of several major enterprises in the city — Haifa Chemicals and Phosphates, Haifa Chemicals and the Port are willing to adjust norms of output, on which incentive pay rates are based. The committee men were among the speakers at a memorial meeting which the Haifa Labour Council held last week for the late Pinhas Lerner, its expert on productivity and incentive pay.

The Council spokesman said an effort would be made to introduce incentive pay to more plants. Experience has proved that the system leads to a marked increase in productivity.

## Jerusalem merchants score taxman's role

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Merchants Association protested last week a decision whereby the Jerusalem tax officer will now appoint members of boards set up to determine acceptability of commercial records. The merchants fear board members might be unduly subject to influence by the tax officer.

Association head Abraham Birnbaum wrote the Knesset Finance Committee, saying that members of the boards make judges — will not receive lifetime appointments.

Birnbaum wants the Finance Committee to appoint regional committees which would propose candidates for the acceptability boards to the Ministers of Finance and Justice.

Barring that, Birnbaum says he will advise Jerusalem merchants to ignore boards appointed by the tax officer, and to accept only decisions of the courts.

## Milk asks inquiry on fire safety

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — To what extent are industrial workers in the Greater Haifa area protected against fire risks? Labour Council Secretary Shmuel Milk intends to find out. He has asked the fire brigades for a report on precautions which should be taken, and these will be brought to the attention of local factory management.

In 1975, fire damage in the Greater Haifa area totalled 11,000. Firemen were called out 2,445 times — 6.7 calls a day — on a variety of duties, ranging from fire-fighting to pumping water from flooded homes. False alarms comprised another 450 calls.

The fire brigades' 1976 budget is 11,120, with somewhat less than half allocated for new equipment and maintenance.

## CORRECTION

In Monday's article "One for the Road," a clause in the fourth paragraph should have read "the U.S. could produce a trillion litres of alcohol a year," and not as appeared.

## TELEVISION ADVERTISING BAN

The High Court of Justice discharged an order nisi calling upon the Broadcasting Authority to show cause why their decision not to televise the petitioners' basketball matches should not be declared null and void.

The petitioners, Tel Aviv Maccabi, came to an arrangement in May, 1965, with the Elite Company whereby the former's basketball team would wear shirts with "Elite" printed on them when participating in local and international matches, in return for certain pecuniary benefits provided by Elite.

The Managing Committee of the Broadcasting Authority, on the other hand, decided, in June, 1975, to refrain from televising any sporting events in which there was any mobile advertising or certain other types of advertising save such as appeared at a fixed place on sports fields and at a height of no more than 70 centimetres. This effectively put a stop to the televising of any Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball matches, as long as the members of the team wore their Elite shirts. Since one of Elite's purposes in giving financial support to Maccabi had been to exploit the opportunity of advertising their products through the publicity given to basketball matches and particularly international ones — on the television screen, the decision of the Managing Committee of the Broadcasting Authority naturally frustrated this purpose; and although the Maccabi Club had not undertaken to ensure that their matches be televised, nevertheless they felt that their being banned from the television screen would jeopardise the support they received from Elite. They therefore petitioned for, and received, an order nisi against the Broadcasting Authority.

On the return day Dr. A. Goldenberg and Mr. R. Kalenstein appeared for the petitioners and Mr. M. Naor, Assistant State Attorney appeared for the respondents.

## JUDGEMENT

Justice Landau, who handed down the main opinion of the High Court of Justice, Justice Bar-On concurring, first considered the petitioners' argument that the Managing Committee of the Broadcasting Authority had not been competent to decide on the matter at issue because it was a matter in which the public had an interest and thus, it came within the province of the Broadcasting Authority. In dismissing this argument, he held that there was nothing in the Broadcasting Authority Law, 1963, to justify any such distinction between the functions of the Managing Committee and the plenum. Both the Committee and the plenum, he continued, are given wide authority by the Law to consider and decide upon matters affecting the Broadcasting Service, and while it is true that this might sometimes lead to overlapping or clashing, this could be overcome by the invocation of section 13(2) of the Law which gives the plenum the mandate "to issue directives to the Managing Committee," or by section 21 which provides for lodging objections to decisions of the Committee with the Prime Minister. Furthermore, the plenum can always, by virtue of its superior status, override any decisions of the Committee, except if such decisions have been translated into rules under section 33 of the Law and published in "Reshumot," the official Government Gazette.

Justice Landau then went on to consider the petitioners' further argument that the decision about advertising should, in fact, have been issued by the form of rules, and published in "Reshumot," as it referred to the supervision of broadcasting and laid down legal norms directed at the public as a whole. In dismissing it too, he held that section 33 of the Law laid down that the Managing Committee may (and not shall) make rules for the operation and supervision of the Broadcasting Service; and that it was not reasonable to expect the Committee to make rules concerning every matter to do with the operation and supervision of the broadcasting service, and publish them in "Reshumot." It is certainly not imperative that they do so, he continued, when a decision they have taken does not change the law in any way and does not affect any vested rights — as in the present case. For although the respondents' decision might affect the material interests of the petitioners no-one (other than the Government) has a vested right to have a matter in which he is in-

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tested broadcast or televised (see also Cr. A. 213/56, P.D. 11/695; and H.C. 311/59, P.D. 14/1457).

In short, held Justice Landau, the Managing Committee had been entitled to make the decision it had made. He then went on to consider the argument that the decision was both unreasonable and discriminatory. It could not be said to be unreasonable, he said, as it came within the discretion of the broadcasting authorities to decide whether and to what extent, incidental advertising should be permitted, in view of the fact that television in general through the advertising medium has been banned by the Government, and the High Court would not interfere with this exercise of discretion even though there might be some who would like to see the broadcasting authority apply the same standards of good taste to all its programmes. And as to the allegations of "discrimination," in view of the fact

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that the Sportoto football pools are mentioned in the weekly Mahat Sport programme and that the Mifal Hapayis is advertised in the so-called service programmes, he could only say, held Justice Landau, he found it difficult to see any great differences between the incidental advertising of these two bodies and of the Elite products. But as there was no question here of depriving anyone of a vested right to be televised (no such right existing) he was not prepared to conclude that even if there were an element of discrimination against the petitioners, this justified allowing an additional infringement of the non-advertising rule laid down by the Government. On the contrary, it would be preferable for the respondents to review their attitude towards the "service" broadcasts.

Justice Landau also dismissed the argument that there was discrimination in the fact that international matches, in which foreign teams

advertise such commercial enterprises as Adidas, which markets its goods in Israel too, are televised. He accepted the respondents' argument he said, that they had no means of preventing such advertising on the part of foreign teams and had performed to surrender to the public demand for viewing such matches despite the incidental advertising accompanying them.

In conclusion, Justice Landau held that he could not accept the petitioners' plea to be allowed to complete the season with their Elite shirts, without being banned from the television screen, in order to spare them exaggerated damage. For, he said, the petitioners had not been entitled as of right to have their matches televised, and in fact had never undertaken to ensure that this would be done as part of their agreement with Elite.

It was difficult, therefore, to see where the damage lay, unless account were taken of future damage which could be caused to them by Elite's refusal to renew their support next season. Although, therefore, he held, he thought that with a little good will a solution could have been found to the problem of the present season, he could see no good cause for the intervention of the High Court of Justice.

The order nisi should, therefore, be discharged, he said. (To be continued)

## VALUE ADDED TAX — WHAT'S NEW?

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## Bulletin 9

## PERIODIC RETURNS

## TWO-MONTHLY RETURNS

Taxable traders will report their transactions six times a year. Every two months the trader will receive a "periodic-return" form. The details identifying the trader will be printed by computer at the head of the form; the trader will have to fill in only the details relating to his sales and purchases. The trader must fill in the form on the basis of the record in his books and ledgers, and return it within 15 days of the end of the accounting period. Delay in submitting the return will make the trader liable to a fine. The "late-submission" fine will be 11100 for each 15 days' delay or part thereof.

For example: For the January-February accounting period, the computer will send traders forms at the end of February. The trader has a period of 15 days from March 1 to produce totals for his transactions in the two months, January and February, fill in the form and submit it.

When submitting the form, the tax due is to be paid (through a bank or the Post Office Bank).

To make the procedure clear, we will consider the following example. (The rate of VAT will be taken as 10%.)

Trader Eitan Yisrael is reporting on March 15, 1977, on his transactions in the period January-February, 1977. His report on the appropriate form (to be issued shortly) will contain the following details:

a. TRANSACTIONS	Value (to nearest IL)	VAT (to nearest IL)
1. VAT at 10%	60,000	6,000
2. Zero rated or exempt		
b. INPUTS (including imports)		
1. Total inputs	40,000	
2. Total tax deduction allowed		
c. AMOUNT PAYABLE		2,500
Two thousand, five hundred pounds		
Refund due		

Trader Eitan Yisrael finds from his books that in the period concerned the total of the transactions for which he must issue invoices is 116,000 (without the tax). The corresponding tax collected is 11,600. He did not make any sales which were zero rated or tax free, and his total inputs in the period were 40,000.

He has to hand tax invoices received in respect of his inputs totalling 113,500. He deducts this figure from the 11,600 he has collected on his sales, and submits the return through his bank, and at the same time paying the 11,500 tax due.

**CALCULATING THE TAX FROM TRANSACTIONS TOTAL**  
A taxable trader must state separately in his periodic returns the total of his transactions, and the tax he has collected on these transactions. Those who issue tax invoices and separately post in their ledgers the value of each transaction and the tax due on it will merely need to total these two types of entry, and record the totals separately in the return. A small trader, who, as previously noted, is not entitled to issue tax invoices, and all other traders who sell to the final consumer, and who base their bookkeeping entries on receipts that show totals that include the tax collected will have to calculate the tax included in the receipt totals.

Traders will not be required to calculate separately the tax due on each receipt; they will simply have to total the amounts of their receipts for the period, and calculate the amount of tax included in that total. This can be done, using the following formula:

tax percentage — x total including the tax  
Tax = ————— x total including the tax  
tax percentage + 100  
Example: Receipts of two-month period total = 112,500. Rate of tax is 10%. Putting these values in the formula:  
$$\frac{10}{10+100} \times 25,600 = \frac{10}{110} \times 25,600 = 2,327.27$$
  
The tax due is 11,327, and the transactions total without the tax is 112,500 — 11,327 = 23,273.

## DEDUCTIONS

A taxable trader is required to pay tax on the value added by him, i.e. on the difference between the tax on the value of his transactions and the tax on his inputs.

In making out the return, he deducts the tax he has paid on his inputs (purchases) from the tax he collects on his transactions (sales), the amount he deducts being the tax he has paid on purchases of raw materials, equipment, investment in establishing or expanding his business, and on payments for services required by his business.

When deducting tax paid on inputs, taxable traders will be guided by two main rules:



## BLOCKING SYRIA

THE SECURITY COUNCIL's nine-man wrecking crew in the service of Arab interests has been stopped dead in its tracks, as promised, by an American veto.

The true object of this operation was clearly shown in the refusal of the group of nine to go along with Britain's modest proposal that the new text on "the Middle East problem" should not be viewed as superseding Resolutions 242 and 338. Indeed they could not, for that was precisely the purpose: to dismantle the agreed framework for any Arab-Israeli negotiation embodied in those two resolutions, and to substitute for it a one-sided statement of Arab aspirations.

The formula backed by the nine was a slightly amended version of a draft prepared by the PLO and Syria, with Jordan's active support and Egypt's acquiescence. It abandoned any pretence at a fair distribution of rights and obligations between the State of Israel and the Arab States. All clear-cut obligations were to be thrust on Israel alone while "inalienable national rights" were to be awarded solely to the Palestinian people, as represented by the PLO ("including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine"), and the existing Arab states were to be left as virtually innocent bystanders in the conflict they have kept up for these past twenty-eight years.

The U.S., however, could not afford to permit passage of the resolution without risking total defeat of American diplomacy in the Middle East. It is by no means inconceivable that, despite their collaboration with Syria during the past two weeks, both Egypt and Jordan may now, as a result of the U.S. veto, find it advantageous to rejoin Israel in the Geneva Conference. Israel's readiness is already a matter of record.

Syria will doubtless continue to be the main stumbling block in the region, and the veto has provided it with the excuse it sought from the start to keep boycotting Geneva — an even better excuse, it turns out, than the passage of a "moderate" Council resolution would have been. But, with all the support it is receiving from the Soviets, Syria can only succeed in its war-mongering ploy by working on American fears of renewed fighting. Only by standing up to the Syrians — by not allowing itself to be intimidated by an artificial Udoof crisis every six months — can the U.S. assure the peace momentum it seeks.

## Starting anew with Egged

EGGED's response to the new financing arrangement offered by the Government has been disappointing. But it has served the purpose of clarifying the situation.

The long-winded resolution approved by the Knesset Finance Committee and recommended by the Ministry of Transport was deliberately couched in loose terms with several loopholes. Egged has now made clear that even if it goes through the legal motions of pledging its members' "private" shares, and accepts the recommendation of the Golomb committee concerning its deficit, it is determined to have the Government shoulder the deficit, leaving both the cooperative and its members more or less unscathed. Whether or not Egged's members will agree to play this game is not yet certain, but this is the practical basis on which the cooperative is demanding interim financing.

There is a danger that in order to avoid further disruption of the bus service the Government may give in to Egged's clearly unacceptable demands instead of opting for thorough reform. This would mean that despite Egged's financial mismanagement and defiant stance, it would remain in full possession of the monopoly it enjoys with next to no strings attached to its operation. Moreover, its power stands to be greatly strengthened by the intended merger with the Dan cooperative in Tel Aviv.

The Ministry of Transport's plan to name its own representative to the cooperative's board will hardly matter, for Egged's members will find a way to clip his wings from the outset.

The question is why the Government should prop up the tottering cooperative, and negotiate with it from a situation of weakness. Why not let Egged go bankrupt formally, appoint a receiver and run it temporarily on this basis, or commandeer its fleet for failing to carry out its obligations as a public service? Such a step need not in any way prejudice the eventual decision about the proper terms (ownership, management, finances, quality) of our bus service, but it could radically change the circumstances in which these terms would be fixed, and could thus open a prospect for a really new start.

## Tackling the problem of medically unfit drivers

Viewpoint  
Dr. Julie Gampel

THE NUMBER and complexity of medico-ethical problems produced by our technological life style continually increases. Did Hippocrates have to decide whether or not to withhold from his patients the right to drive a car, or hurt a lance, or withhold treatment from a moribund patient; or judge the exact moment of one patient's death in order to increase the chances of extending another patient's life; or decide which of two patients should be given priority in the use of life saving instruments with limited availability? Perhaps the time has come for a review of the strict code of professional confidentiality in keeping with contemporary man's technological environment.

Certainly there can be no reasonable argument against trying to reduce to a minimum the danger of allowing medically unfit persons to drive cars or legally acquire firearms.

HOW IS this to be accomplished without intruding on the rights of the individual — especially those who because of age, medical and social handicaps, or other reasons, appear on easily retrievable data information systems.

Pointing out the danger was a recent case where personal, and even incorrect details, appeared, unknown to the individual himself, on a computerized list. These details are therefore available, potentially or in fact, to any number of people whose ethical integrity may range from dubious to sterling; in any case they are not subject to any accepted professional code of behaviour.

The type of method proposed by Gideon Patti MK (as reported in *The Jerusalem Post* on Jan. 19), which is to report to the Car Licensing Bureau all patients holding drivers licenses, also presents dangers. By giving rise to the illusion that it will substantially reduce the problem, it detracts attention from those factors which are in fact more responsible for accidents.

THE MEDICAL conditions which reduce a driver's capacity for reasonably safe driving are many. They include uncontrolled and convulsive conditions, diabetes, undetected coronary and cerebral vascular disorders, alcoholic and drug intoxication and impaired judgement as a side effect of medications, professionally or self-prescribed. Most driver-caused accidents involve people who would probably be passed as medically fit to drive.

Unless the medical profession undertakes the responsibility for reducing those accidents caused by medically unfit persons, the rights of many may be jeopardized by the introduction of other methods being reported by non-professionals to the Licensing Bureau or by being included in lists like "mental hospital patient."

All the efforts which have changed the image of psychiatric treatment in a positive direction will be negated if recourse to treatment automatically involves the loss of certain rights.

Many patients are admitted for psychiatric care for a very short period only once in their lives as a result of severe stress such as combat fatigue, a suicide attempt or depression associated with bereavement or surgery. Following treatment, practically all such patients are as medically fit for driving as they were before the period of breakdown under stress.

IT HAS BEEN accepted that professional tribunals are the appropriate arbiters of decisions such as approved abortions, discharge of mental patients involuntarily admitted by court order and the death of organ transplant donors.

I submit that there is a place for a similar professional tribunal to whom doctors would report their doubts regarding the medical fitness for driving of some of their patients, rather than to the non-professional but justifiably concerned Licensing Bureau. This would substantially meet the need for professionally agreed criteria in withdrawing driving licenses.

Certainly, all professional people should try to persuade medically unfit-to-drive patients and their families that a self-imposed decision to refrain from driving is not only without stigma but is a mark of civic consciousness.

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## BOOKS OF LOATHESOME ASPECT

ASPECT are becoming increasingly prominent in the display windows, and I don't mean epics like "Inside Linda Lovelace," either. Only today, my constitutional was spoiled by seeing one entitled "Hey, God, What Should I do Now?" displayed in a Jaffa Road bookstore. The author of this emetic piece of literature is one Jesse Laird, who was also responsible for "I Ain't Much, Baby, But I'm All I've Got."

Descended from Samuel Smiles, Dale Carnegie and Norman Vincent Peale, the Self-Help school of authors may be categorised as a sub-section of Do-It-Yourself Literature. The blurbs rely heavily on woolly imperatives (Re-create your life by liberating your undreamed-of potential) or vague promises (the book that may change your future).

Oddly enough, one of them, Shepherd Mead's "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," was once made into a musical and has since inspired a host of parodies including Charles Grahame's "How to Try Hard in Business Without Really Succeeding."

The latest bestsellers in the genre display an increasingly aggressive and cynical attitude which would have shocked poor old Samuel Smiles. Two of them are currently shooting past the half-million mark: Michael Korda's "Power! How to Get It, How to Use It," and Robert Ringer's "Winning Through Intimidation." They are being followed on the charts by Manuel Smith's "When I Say No I Feel Guilty."

Their advice, briefly, consists of telling the reader that he has to hustle and trick his way to the head of the rat-race by using gimmicks like cultivating a "power gaze" or wearing "power" (i.e. expensive) clothes.

IT IS PATHETICALLY obvious that the potential audience for these books is comprised of the Caspar Milquetoasts of this world and not the dynamic young executives conjured up in the promotional material.

The type has been definitively portrayed by Woody Allen in his latest movie, "Love and Death" (which is currently showing in Israel), in which he plays the archetypal coward, a *kvetch* full of neurotic hang-ups. At one point Woody confesses that he kept a light on in his room till he was thirty.

Instead of shelling out nine or ten dollars apiece for Ringer's and Korda's masterpieces, the would-be intimidator would have done better to learn more about their condition by spending only half as much on Marvin Kitman's "The Coward's Almanac: or the Yellow Pages." (Doubleday). Kitman's battle cry is "Yellow is Beautiful" and his underlying philosophy is summed up in the question, "If God wanted us to be brave, why did he give us legs?"

## READERS' LETTERS

### THE EGGED OF OLD

Sir, — Where are the days when an Egged driver, wounded by Arab sniper bullets, drove his bus from Ramle to Jerusalem to deliver his passengers safely, before he himself collapsed dead over the wheel? Where are the days, when Egged drivers were the idol of young and old in the Yishuv, not because they earned more than anyone of us, but because they were courageous and devoted?

Today, when Joseph Harari and the members of the Egged secretariat see Israel's population united as only in time of war, with no passengers waiting along the bus-routes of the capital, it is time that they ask themselves what happened.

Let me tell you, Mr. Harari: Israel's remember those ruffians behind the wheel, who don't care twopenny about their passengers' comfort as they brake or start off suddenly, who would not dream of stopping at a zebra-crossing for a pedestrian, who race through the red lights of street corners without consideration for other drivers, who stop in the middle of the road instead of pulling up to the curb at the bus stop and who squeeze small cars off the road.

That is why Israel's population is united against Egged — because of the rift-rat it puts behind the wheels, and not because of the IL60m. Egged does, or does not deserve.

ROLF M. KNELLER  
Jerusalem, January 24.

## A manual for the spineless

With Prejudice / Alex Berlyne



Woody Allen (stepping out with death) as the archetypal coward in his latest movie "Love and Death."

Kitman begins by defining his terms: "A coward is a hero with a wife, kids and a mortgage." He offers "an in-depth personality test" to find out whether you fit the bill. Sample statements to be ticked off: "If I cover my head with the blankets nothing can harm me" and "Revolving doors have it in for me."

Of course, a real coward would be afraid to take this test. A metaphorical anatomy is listed: hair standing on end, glass jaw, chattering teeth, chicken heart, jellyfish spine, yellow belly, cold feet and so forth, as well as the illy liver, "the badge of pusillanimity and cowardice," in Shakespeare's phrase.

The world is a terrifying place for Marvin Kitman and he appends an endless catalogue of "basic fears" which include: cutting your finger on the flap of an envelope; not getting any references in a foreign film, such as the symbolism or allusions; falling into a hole in the Fourth Dimension and being lost forever (a problem which plagues Sci-Fi enthusiasts); not signing your name in the same every time; and your car's horn blowing at a funeral and being

unable to stop it (a new phobia for the psychiatrists to get their teeth into).

Determined to make the best of things, Mr. Kitman has inaugurated a "Coward's Hall of Shame." The citations include Chicken Little, "for distinguished contributions to meteorology," Peter Pan, "for being afraid of a) his own shadow and b) growing up"; the entire town of "High Noon"; and Robert Ford, "the dirty little coward who shot Mr. Howard and laid Jesse James in his grave."

Both Pope and Tennyson, by the way, rhymed "Howard" and "coward" but strangely enough the folk-song didn't plagiarize, Jesse James did use Howard as an alias.

The book's literary section includes such titles as Sjoeman's "I am Curious, Yellow," Updike's "Rabbit, Run" and "Fear Without Childbirth." A brief review of Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" states simply, "I was."

An art section consists of "paintings from Picasso's little-known Yellow period, Mondrian's 'Yellow on Yellow' and Brancusi's 'Chicken Egg'."

A number of anniversaries are recorded including Benedict Arnold's birthday, the development of the bullet-proof vest and the invention of the invalid mother (for avoiding marriage).

Mr. Kitman, *New York's* TV critic when he's not penning such ephemera as "George Washington's Expense Account," is forming a paramilitary organisation called the "just-a-minute-men." Its slogan is, "Let me think it over and I'll call you back some time."

SPINELESSNESS in a military context has provided Hollywood with one of its most enduring clichés, the GI whose nerve breaks. Screaming "I'm getting outta here," he scuttles out of the fox-hole and heads for the rear only to be blown to bits by a direct hit.

There's an old riddle on the subject. "What is the question to which 'chicken shtyk' is the answer?" — "Who is Japan's only surviving kamikaze pilot?"

Unfortunately, the subject is no longer funny. The craven behaviour of most European countries in the face of Arab oil blackmail has been widely misinterpreted here. To refuse to face up to violence and threats has become a moral imperative in the West.

It may be assumed to have its roots in the CND campaigns of the 'Fifties with their ineane slogan "Better Red than dead." It never seemed to have occurred to the Aldermaston marchers that they could quite easily be both Red and dead, as many East Europeans know to their cost.

The U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, put the situation in a nutshell recently when accused of "confrontational tactics." He asked, "Do you have any sense of the depth of appeasement that comes out of discerning in self defence an act of confrontation? Do you realise how passive everybody has become?"

The Suez campaign and, later, the war in Vietnam seem to have been the catalysts which hardened sheer funk into a positive stance. Nobody who travels abroad now can fail to feel the intense moral disapproval which is directed upon countries like Israel who insist on fighting against terrorism and refuse to submit to blackmail.

Can we be the only ones in step? Yes, I think we can. I recently came across a statement by the Adjutant-General of Maine, John Hodson, which he made in 1861 at the outbreak of the American Civil War.

"Long years of uninterrupted peace" wrote Hodson, "had led us to believe that it was our privilege to enjoy all the advantages of a free government, the best since the world began, without adopting any measures for its protection and perpetuity, just as we enjoy the light and the heat of the sun."

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As before the birth of Israel, Senator Jackson continues his efforts for the Jewish Homeland and for humanitarian causes. The Jackson Amendment to the Russian-American Trade Agreement specifically makes increased emigration from Russia a part of that agreement, in spite of heavy opposition from the Administration.

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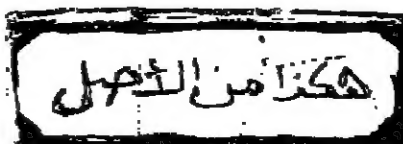
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